

Hopeful Picture Painted At J.D.C. Annual Meeting

Special NEW YORK—A hopeful picture for Europe's Jews was painted at the 33rd annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee here.

Minimum requirements of the JDC were estimated at \$98,547,000 by Edward M. M. Warburg, who was re-elected chairman.

Mr. Warburg declared that "through the vast efforts of the American Jewish community since V-E Day, Europe's Jews stand on the threshold of genuine revival. Our help this year can help them cross the threshold."

In 1948, he said, JDC faces a turning point year, for, "given continued and expanded assistance during 1948, large numbers of additional Jews will be able to assume new lives of security and productivity."

In addition to the re-election of Mr. Warburg as chairman, Moses A. Leavitt was re-elected as executive vice chairman and secretary. Other re-elections include: Honorary chairmen: Paul Baerwald, James N. Rosenberg and Mrs. Felix M. Warburg; vice chairmen: James H. Becker, I. Edwin Goldwasser, Joseph C. Hyman, Alexander Kahn, Herbert H. Lehman, Isaac H. Levy, Harold F. Linder, William Rosenwald, William J. Shroder, M. C. Sloss, Jonah B. Wise; chairman, National Council: Maurice Bernon; and vice chairmen, National Council: Lester D. Alexander, George Alpert, William P. Engel, Max Firestein, Moritz M. Gottlieb, I. S. Joseph and A. I. Lack.

2 Steamers Searched After TNT Discovery

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Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—The American Exports Line, on one of whose freighters 65,000 pounds of TNT destined for Palestine were found last Saturday, has ordered two other of its vessels in Palestine waters to check their cargoes, it was announced here. One, the Exchequer, is believed to be unloading at Tel Aviv at the present time, while the other, the Exford, is now in Haifa, and has freight aboard for Tel Aviv.

Harry M. Durning, Collector of the Port of New York, announced that he has turned over to U. S. Attorney John F. X. McGohey all evidence gathered so far in the investigation of the incident here. (Officials of the Department of Justice stated in Washington that the Department does not know if any law was violated, or whether any federal law was involved. "This will all be investigated," a spokesman declared.) Shortly afterwards it was announced that the F.B.I. had officially entered the case.

Ceremony to Mark Haym Salomon's Death

Special PHILADELPHIA — The 163 anniversary of the death of Germany or are preparing to patriot who aided Robert Morris in raising funds for Washington's army, will be commemorated next Sunday with a ceremony in Mikveh Israel cemetery.

Veterans, historical and fraternal groups will place wreaths beside a memorial marker. Salomon, who died at the age of 45, was buried in the cemetery in 1785, but the site of his grave was lost.

Reelected by J.D.C.



EDWARD M. M. WARBURG

St. Louis Star-Times Apologizes For Cartoon

Special ST. LOUIS—A protest by Rabbi Benjamin D. Cohen, of East St. Louis, Ill., over a "Strange As it Seems," cartoon in the St. Louis Star-Times brought an apology from Norman Isaacs, managing editor.

The cartoon legend read: "A pound of flesh was actually wagered between an Italian merchant and a Jewish trader ten years before Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice." He challenged the author's proof and that even if the item is accurate "why, especially during the holiday season . . . would the 'heartless Jew' in the cartoon be portrayed as a typical, pious orthodox godfearing Jewish scholar with beard and skullcap?"

Swedish Diplomat Urged For Nobel Peace Prize

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
STOCKHOLM—A movement to award the 1948 Nobel Peace Prize to Raoul Wallenberg, young Swedish diplomat, for his work in rescuing thousands of Jews from the wartime Nazi terror in Hungary in 1944 will be launched at a mass meeting here Sunday. The mass meeting also aims at mobilizing popular support for government pressure on the Soviet Union to secure definite information and the ultimate release of Wallenberg, who disappeared from Hungary after the Red Army entered the country. He is believed to be alive and in Russian custody.

Tobin's Teamsters Paper Asks Immigration End

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
WASHINGTON—Attacking displaced persons as "vicious characters," the International Teamster, organ of Dan Tobin's International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, urges Congress to reduce immigration quotas, "if not eliminate immigration entirely until the United States has solved its own domestic crises."

Send Mission to Sweden to Forestall Conversions

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
LONDON—The Agudas Israel has sent a two-man mission to Sweden to bring back to England a group of Jewish refugee girls, following reports that many of the girls were taken into non-Jewish homes and subsequently baptized, or, in the case of the older ones, married to non-Jews. The girls will be housed in Beth Jacob institution here.

Smith Leaves Detroit; Moves To St. Louis

Special DETROIT—Bigot chief Gerald L. K. Smith has quietly transferred his headquarters from Detroit to St. Louis because pickings have been slim in the Motor City, the National Jewish Post learned this week.

An authoritative source said Smith's Mack Avenue headquarters have been closed for the past month. Don Lohbeck, editor of Smith's anti-Semitic publication, The Cross and Flag, departed with the leader.

Homer Loomis, former head of the Nazi-like Columbians, also departed for the new St. Louis office.

Though the Smith magazine has not been printed in Detroit recently, mailing from Detroit continued up to the December issue. It was understood that mailing would also be transferred to St. Louis.

American League Sends Dollars in Stunt Letters

Special NEW YORK—Complaints on the "stunt" fund-raising drive of the American League for a Free Palestine have reached here from many parts of the United States.

The League is sending out letters by the thousands inclosing a dollar bill, asking the recipient to return them and additional contributions.

In Milwaukee, Philadelphia and Detroit, the local Anglo-Jewish papers have editorialized against the scheme.

JNF Sets 10-Year Goal; \$880,000,000 New Land

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—A ten-year land acquisition and development program in the future Jewish state in Palestine, involving the expenditure of \$880,000,000 for the purchase and reclamation of 3,000,000 dunams (750,000 acres) of land, was adopted here by delegates to a leaders' conference of the Jewish National Fund.

CONTROVERSY OVER ZIONISM ENDED, SAYS DR. GAMORAN

Special NEW YORK—"Much of the controversy over Zionism which sapped American Jewish strength is over. There no longer is any adequate reason why the whole of American Jewry should not unite to work for Judaism conceived as functioning in the areas of religion and culture."

These were the words of Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, Educational Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at the annual Reconstructionist Conference here Sunday.

"American Jewish life will become more normalized as a result of the establishment of a

Anti-Semitism in U.S. At Low Ebb, JDA Told; Morris New Chairman

Special PHILADELPHIA—Delegates to the second annual conference of the Joint Defense Appeal here heard that anti-Semitism in the United States was at its lowest point in recent years.

The 1948 goal of the JDA was set at \$6,104,540.

Meanwhile, the new policy of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, which makes up the J.D.A., was clearly articulated by spokesmen for both groups.

Lashing out at social anti-Semitism, Judge Proskauer, A. J. Committee president, said that civil rights as understood by Americans include the right to earn a living, gain an education and the right to proper housing "without limitations of caste."

"We are not interested simply in putting out the fires," he declared. "We are far more interested in fire prevention—in securing our position against future aggravating circumstances that may be in store for us."

Calls It 'Gentleman's Agreement Approach'

Frank Goldman, B'nai B'rith president, hit social forms of racial discrimination, the forms which he said are known today as the "gentleman's agreement approach." Asserting that Americans

Charles W. Morris Named J.D.A. Head

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
PHILADELPHIA—Charles W. Morris of Louisville, Ky., was named to head the 1948 nation-wide Joint Defense Appeal Drive for \$6,104,540 at the closing session of the three-day second annual meeting of the J.D.A.

Morris was unanimously elected chairman of the J.D.A. National Council comprising 587 Jewish communal leaders. He succeeds Donald Oberdoffer who was re-elected chairman of the organization's executive committee.

were rejecting the overt, brutal anti-Semitism of the Hitler philosophy, he stressed that at the same time "polite society refuses to give up its own brand of anti-Semitism"—which he described as "less visible and less voluble."

Praising the recently-issued reports of President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights and the Commission on Higher Education, Dr. John Slawson, A.J.C. executive vice president, emphasized that the two organizations "are determined that the contents of these two reports shall receive the widest possible circulation and that the recommendations shall be implemented to the end that the underlying purposes embodied in these two documents, mainly equality of opportunity for all regardless of religious, racial or national origin distinctions, shall be realized." Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the A.D.L., spoke on the present "character of anti-Semitism." He outlined the pattern followed by anti-Semitic forces and pointed out the signs by which they can be recognized.

History has imposed on American Jewry the chief responsibility for rebuilding Jewish life in Europe and for securing the Jewish future the world over, Judge Proskauer told the opening session.

Dare Not Ignore Eretz Challenge—Steinbrink

Underscoring Mr. Proskauer's remarks, New York State Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, stressed American Jewry's responsibility toward Palestine and the future of many thousands of Jews overseas.

"The challenge of Palestine that we face today presents American Jewry with an historic opportunity that we dare not ignore without destroying ourselves in the eyes of the people of the world," Judge Steinbrink asserted. "In this area it is the role of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee to keep the Jewish community of this nation strong so that it can make its great contribution."

Donald Oberdoffer of Atlanta, chairman of the JDA National Council, said the Joint Defense Appeal raised \$4,750,000 in 1947.

Following the talks at the opening session, the delegates became the guests of the 600-man local committee at a reception which featured the hit movie, "Gentlemen's Agreement," which the A.D.L. has pushed and the A. J. Committee has criticized.

the point that there will always be diversity-in-unity within the Jewish community. He called for the establishment of local Jewish community councils, in which every group is represented, and which are in turn coordinated by a National Community Council.

Leaves \$5000 To Jewish Agencies

Special CHICAGO—Bequests to two Jewish charities totaling \$5,000 were contained in the will of Selig S. Lelewet, it was made known this week. The charities are: the Jewish Charities of Chicago, \$4,000; and the Jewish Children's Bureau of Chicago, \$1,000.

Architect Discusses How to Build Adequate Temple Without High Cost

By MOSES P. HALPERIN
Cleveland, O.

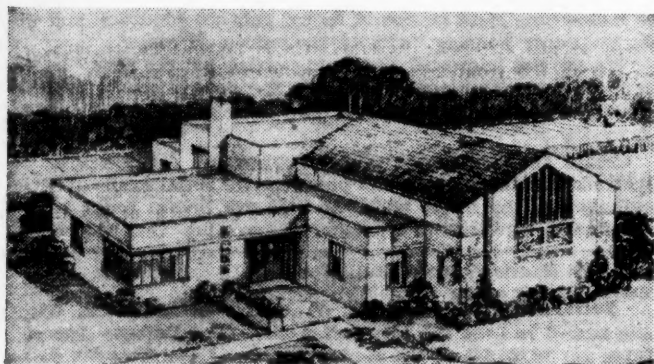
RABBIS, building committees and synagogue architects throughout the land are presently faced with a very grave problem. The problem is to finance the construction of an edifice housing the manifold activities of the congregation with the limited funds in hand. Even with the generous contributions of the membership and the gifts of non-members, it is often found that the plans for the new synagogue, assembly hall, banquet rooms, class rooms, parlor and administration offices cannot be built. There just is not enough money in the treasury to meet the contractors' estimates.

The solution which naturally presents itself, to execute a part of the plan only, is of course no the class rooms only. What good

gogue for the high-holidays attendance and eliminate the other parts of the structure? But the synagogue must be more than a House of Prayer if it is to express the function of a vital religion.

It must be a house where Jews may learn to live Jewishly. The Beth Hakneseth and the Beth Hamidrash can not be eliminated. Nor will it do to relegate the Beth Hamidrash to the dark and unattractive basement. For the era of the basement class rooms is happily past. It is now a chapter in our history as it is the cheder of the Jewish pale. No, building the synagogue alone will not do. Locating the class rooms in the basement will not do.

Certainly it will not do to build the class rooms only. What good



New Jackson, Mich., Synagogue

Synagogue for Beth Israel Congregation, Jackson, Mich.
S. Braverman and M. P. Halperin, Associated Architects, Cleveland, O.

solution at all. What part of the plan is of prime importance and which elements are to be considered as secondary to be built when prices go down or more funds are available? For the synagogue structure of today is certainly not a House of Prayer alone, not solely a Beth Hatfilah. Indeed, save for the high holidays, the majority of the members, unfortunately, do not attend services. It is the other elements of the plan, the Beth Hakneseth and the Beth Hamidrash, the assembly hall, the class rooms and parlor which are used by most of the members throughout the year. The class rooms especially are the chief attractions for new members. Many a young couple does not join the synagogue until the children are of Sunday school age.

WHAT is to be done, then—reduce the synagogue to a capacity limited by the weekly attendance? Where will the members who come only on high holidays be accommodated? Utilize all the available funds in a large syna-

is an attempt at religious education without the visual aid of a functioning synagogue? Clearly, all elements of the plan are of equal importance to the life of the congregation and none can be postponed for a future date. The problem cannot be solved by realizing only one part of the plan.

THERE IS a solution to the problem of the high cost of synagogue building. That solution can be expressed in the formula (NC) (HC) equals MUS, Needs of the Congregation, multiplied by the High Cost of Construction, equals Multi-Use of Space. This formula is not new. Institutional architects have often in the past designed spaces which may be used as stage dressing-rooms. Such an approach may not be ideal, but by careful analysis and intelligent planning the smooth functioning of the institution will not be hampered by the multi-use of space.

The resultant savings in the cost of construction should be of

immense benefit to the congregation.

Let us first apply this Multi-Use formula to the synagogue itself. Assuming, for example, a building program which includes a chapel seating three hundred for Sabbath attendance and a synagogue seating a thousand to house the worshipers on high holidays, plus an assembly hall seating five hundred.

OUR PROSPECTS have all been canvassed and we find that our funds will not meet the cost of erecting a building large enough to house eighteen hundred seats. Supposing we apply the Multi-Use formula. We can build a synagogue seating, let us assume, five hundred. An auditorium of this size will also be intimate enough for Sabbath services. By intelligent planning we can so locate our assembly hall, seating another five hundred persons, that the two units, synagogue and auditorium, can be combined into one large unit having the desired capacity of one thousand on Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur.

The original structure of eighteen hundred capacity has thus been reduced to a modest edifice accommodating one thousand people. We have now reduced the size of our contemplated building to almost half. Not only is the initial cost proportionally lowered thereby, we have also reduced the cost of maintenance of the building for years to come.

Similarly, the class rooms may be so arranged that one may serve as a dressing room adjoining the stage, or two may be combined to form a small dining room or added seating space for the assembly hall. The library, in turn, can readily serve as a sisterhood parlor or board room. Many other uses may be suggested for the various elements in the plan. Many separate rooms which are considered absolutely essential can thus be eliminated by transferring their functions to other space units, if one remembers to utilize to the utmost all areas in the building, to resort to multi-use of costly space enclosures.

THE MULTI-USE formula, however, is not enough. Building prices are so high that every avenue leading to savings in cost of construction must be explored. The savings effected by an intelligent and compact plan will be of no gain if insistence is made on an imposing and eye-arresting exterior. Here, present-day economics and historical precedence are in complete accord. For, if there is an historic synagogue architecture, its characteristic has always been Modesty.

The exterior aspect of the best of our historic examples is austere and unpretentious. Witness the Altneue synagogue of twelfth century Prague, the ancient wooden synagogues of eastern Europe and our own Touro synagogue in Newport, R. I., built in the middle of the eighteenth century. Nor was their architectural simplicity due entirely to the constraining laws of the governments under which they were built.

It may well be that the simple and modest appearance of the synagogues of the past was due in a large measure to the cognizance by their builders of the very nature of a synagogue in

LOS ANGELES ADDS \$4,000,000 FOR '48, GOAL IS \$10,200,000

Special **LOS ANGELES**—The first Jewish community to announce its quota following the setting of the \$250,000,000 1948 U.J.A. drive, the welfare Fund campaign here has tentatively set a goal of \$10,200,000. This quota will be recommended to the meeting of the Community Council here Sunday.

Daring Religion Is Need Rabbi Liebman Says

Special **LOS ANGELES**—"We need a daring religion today. . . courageous prophetic religion to capture the imaginations and spirit of our generation," Rabbi Joshua Loth Liebman, author of the best-seller "Peace of Mind," told a capacity audience here in conjunction with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' drive for financial support.

"Our responsibility as American Israel is to form the vanguard of Jewish spiritual development throughout the world, while our brethren in Palestine are building their nation," Liebman declared. He pointed out that 12 new reform congregations had been established in this area alone in the past year.

He was introduced by Jack Skirball, movie producer, who was a former rabbi at the Washington Avenue Temple in Evansville.

Sale of 'Arabian Nights' Stopped After Protest

NEW YORK—The Grosset and Dunlop publishing firm has withdrawn from sale a new children's edition of the "Arabian Nights," following protests that some of its contents were anti-Semitic. Acknowledging the objections, the company called back several thousands copies and has altered the text and illustrations to eliminate the objectionable material.

Dr. Goldman Back In Pulpit

CHICAGO—Dr. Solomon Goldman will be back in the pulpit of his Anshe Emet Synagogue after an absence of three months as the result of a major operation.

exile, as contrasted to the glory of the Temple that was. An unaffected and modest structure is also more truly expressive of the basic philosophy of Judaism, humility before the Almighty.

HERE IS where the architecture of the synagogue differs from the church. No bold massive towers, no imposing huge domes, no dramatic columned porticos; these are not ours, they do not bespeak our liturgy, nor are they in harmony with the austere music of our chants. They are not in the tradition of the synagogue. Synagogue architecture, pedantic writers to the contrary, has a Tradition. A simple, well designed, straight-forward exterior, not necessarily of expensive stone and certainly not of tricky "modern" design (costly because it is unfamiliar to builders) will not only be in keeping with historical synagogue architecture, it will also be in harmony with its environment, and, what is now pertinent, it will be economical to build.

Such an exterior, combined with a well-studied Multi-Use plan, will materially reduce the cost of the synagogue structure and may be the answer to the problem now confronting our rabbis, building committees and architects, the problem of the high cost of synagogue building.

Charles Brown, council president who headed the Los Angeles delegation to the Atlantic City, U.J.A. conference declared:

"If we are sincere, if our prayers through these past years for a Jewish homeland have not been shallow or hypocritical, we have it within ourselves to give to the point of sacrifice and work to the point of education."

Los Angeles raised \$6,000,000 last year.

Phila. Quota \$15,000,000?

Special **PHILADELPHIA, Pa.**—That the local quota for 1948 of the Allied Jewish Appeal will be \$15,000,000 was indicated here by Philip Klein, publishers of The Jewish Times.

Conference Takes Name Assembly, Starts Work

Jewish Telegraphic Agency **NEW YORK**—The name of the new permanent organization which will be established to succeed the American Jewish Conference will be the American Jewish Assembly, it was learned here following a meeting of the interim committee of the Conference.

The meeting decided to set up a preparatory committee composed of 20 Jewish leaders, to carry out the decisions of the recent Chicago conference. The preparatory group is to submit a preliminary report to the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference by March 1, 1948.

The meeting agreed to appoint the following bodies: 1. a committee on elections which shall supervise the voting for delegates to the American Jewish Assembly; 2. a committee on national organizations which shall determine the eligibility and representation of these groups in the permanent body; 3. a committee on community relations which shall determine the eligibility of local community bodies and supervise the election of delegates within the communities; 4. a committee on constitution which shall draft a constitution to be submitted to the first convention of the American Jewish Assembly; 5. a committee on ways and means which shall secure funds for the budget of the Preparatory Committee and to meet current expenditures of the American Jewish Conference.

New Handbook For Rabbis

Special **NEW YORK**—A new handbook for rabbis entitled "A Pocketbook for the Jewish Clergymen," will be issued next week by Jonathan David Company. The author, Rabbi Alfred J. Kolatch of the Kew Gardens Jewish Center, has incorporated in the volume many original inspiring English prayers, which have been blended into the traditional ceremonies for weddings, funerals, unveilings, etc.

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Must 'Integrate' Child Into People It Will Live With, Brickner Says

Special
INDIANAPOLIS—Taking the word "integrate" from the vocabulary of the American Council for Judaism, but using it in a different context, Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner told the annual meeting of the Jewish Educational Association here that many parents were guilty of criminal indifference by failing to "integrate" their child into the people with whom he must live.

Rabbi Brickner accused many parents of "not raising their child," and repeated the sentence for emphasis, when they fail to give him a Jewish edu-

cation.

Referring to anti-Semitism, Rabbi Brickner said it was the price the Jew was willing to pay for the privilege of being different. He said Anti-Semitism was not integral or organic in Western Democracies, but that it would always be present.

The Cleveland rabbi did not paint any rose-colored picture of American Jewish life. He said, "My people are ignorant, shallow, and materialistic." He compared them to corks that bob on the sea and pictured them as dry leaves that are blown

in every direction by the wind. He urged Jews to learn the great philosophy of Judaism.

Referring to Zionism, Rabbi Brickner called the recent UN decision on partition the work of God. "I'm a rabbi, you see. I believe we helped God, but it was the fulfillment of His wish."

Rabbi Brickner said the Jews of the United States can't be an ethnic community, and can't be a nationality, but must develop the great religious, spiritual and cultural characteristics of a Jewish community.

Jewish Agency Supports Haganah Bombing of Arab Headquarters

The terrific explosion which rocked Jaffa when a vehicle loaded with explosives blew up alongside the headquarters of the Arab National Committee and buried a large number of Arabs in the wreckage was believed the work of the Stern Group.

The casualty figures varied, with official statistics listing 80 casualties, including 9 known dead. Private estimates, however, ran much higher—to 25 and 30 dead—while one Arab source set the death toll at 70.

Arabs Blast Wall

In Jerusalem, a strong Arab attack on the walled Jewish quarter of the Old City was beaten back by Haganah troops and British soldiers after penetrating a distance into the Jewish quarter through two holes blasted in a concrete defense wall. The Jewish quarter, which lies in the center of an Arab neighborhood, was cut off from the remainder of Jerusalem for a number of days. The Arabs laid siege to the six gates of the quarter last week, and the British have made no attempt to force entry, for supplies of food and medicines for the surrounded Jews.

Fifteen Arabs were killed just past midnight Monday morning when a Haganah bomb exploded in the heart of the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem. The blast destroyed an Arab hotel which was the headquarters of the Arab boycott committee, Nejada, and was frequented by members of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee.

Ask International Police

The Jewish Agency Executive held a session at which Moshe Sneh, who tendered his resignation last week over disagreement with the Agency's immigration policy, is believed to have explained his position. At the same time it was asserted by a spokesman for the Agency that the Jewish Agency has asked for an international police force to maintain peace in Palestine and that the request had been for-

warded to the Secretariat of the United Nations. The Agency executive, which was to have resumed its meeting after a Sabbath recess, is expected to discuss the issue of visaless Jewish immigration to Palestine.

The recent Haganah-Irgun agreement may never be ratified as a result of the recent attacks by the Irgun, particularly the refinery bombing. A Haganah leader in Haifa commented bitterly to the JTA that the Haganah would kill the perpetrators of the bombing, if they knew who they were.

Bus To Mt. Scopus Raked

Sixteen Jews were wounded, four seriously, when Arab snipers earlier raked a Jewish bus outside Jerusalem with automatic fire. The bus was proceeding up Mt. Scopus to the Hadassah Hospital and the Hebrew University, and was said to be full of nurses, doctors, medical workers and college instructors on their way to work. The snipers were entrenched in houses in the Sheikh Jarach quarter near a police pillbox. Four doctors narrowly escaped injury there when they abandoned their car under Arab and British police gunfire and raced to shelter.

Chief Rabbi Herzog, discussing the impossibility of burying Jewish dead who are at present in various hospitals, told the Jerusalem district commissioner, J. H. Pollock, that "it could not happen in any civilized country." Snipers and members of the Transjordan Frontier Force are known to be attacking every Jewish cortege not only en route to the cemetery but during the burial ceremony in the cemetery.

Asch Writing New Novel On Boyhood of Christ

Special
NEW YORK—A new storm of controversy over Sholem Asch was expected to break out here following announcement of the title of the novel the Jewish author is now writing. It is a story of the boyhood of Christ, and is entitled, "Mary, the Mother."

The book will be published late this year by Putnam.

Sift of TNT Discovery Proceeding in New York

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—The police inquiry into the mysterious circumstances surrounding the discovery of a consignment of 65,000 pounds of TNT which was to have been shipped to Tel Aviv on Monday, is still going on.

The discovery of the shipment, in crates marked "used machinery," resulted from an accident in the loading of the American Export Lines freighter Executor. A case fell from the loading crane to the Jersey City pier and broke open. When one of the dock workers approached the crate to repair it, he found the cans inside labelled "TNT, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army." Police and F.B.I. officials immediately ordered the ship impounded and the explosive was removed by a Coast Guard cutter to a "safe anchorage."

The export declaration papers listed the Oved Trading Company of Tel Aviv as the consignor and the Haboreg, Ltd., also of Tel Aviv, as the consignee. Neither firm could be traced immediately. Meanwhile, New York police authorities announced that they had found a three-story warehouse in upper Manhattan where, after a long search, they discovered two cartridge-loading machines and a stencil which had been used in marking one of the cases in the shipment.

Jews and Negroes, it is reported by the Congress.

Following filing of the charges with the State Commission Against Discrimination, it was revealed that only one Jew had been employed by the company between 1941 and 1946. Meanwhile, the Congress has asked the Commission to investigate other public utilities.

RABBI SILVER ANSWERS ANTI-ZIONISTS WHO CHARGE ZIONISM IS CHAUVINISM

Special
NEW YORK—An interesting sidelight in the testimonial dinner given Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver here was Dr. Silver's reference in his talk to an article he wrote in 1929 in the Herzl Memorial Volume.

Rabbi Silver quoted from himself on his views on Jewish nationalism:

"Many of the spokesmen of our cause were driven to extol nationalism, per se, which is after all quite recent and demonstrably, a quite inadequate human concept. It is not mankind's ultimate vision. Certainly it is not the substance of our own ancestral tradition, whose motif is not nationalism but prophetism.

"Nationalism will not suffice the eternally questing soul of our people. After its national life is secure, Israel must push on to the frontiers of the new world—the world of internationalism, of economic freedom, of brotherhood and of peace."

Funerals Held After U.S. Protests

Special
JERUSALEM—Funerals for 25 Jews who died as a result of violence or from natural causes were finally held after the government furnished protection to funeral corteges here following a protest by U. S. Consul General Robert Macatee, who demanded that the route between Hadassah Hospital and the city proper be protected and also that guards be furnished to ensure the safety of mourners at the funeral of Harry Fischel, American Jewish philanthropist and communal leader, who died last week. Even so snipers attacked the Fischel funeral party as it returned from

the cemetery.

The bodies of a Pole and a German, otherwise unidentified, which were found in a Jerusalem street this week, were identified by the Haganah as two spies who had been "executed" by a Haganah firing squad after having been found guilty of espionage of Arab guerrillas. The Haganah said that they had both been held in custody for several days until a "military court" had been assembled to try them.

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NEW YORK—More than 1,000 guests, representing 74 communities in the United States and Canada are expected to attend the Golden Jubilee Dinner in honor of Rabbi Joseph Isaac Schneersohn, the Lubavitcher Rabbi, Sunday, Feb. 15, in the Hotel Astor. Rabbi Schneersohn has been the spiritual head of the organization for the past 50 years.

The organization sponsors 33 religious schools in many parts of the world, 28 of which are in the United States, with the Central Yeshiva located in its new five-story building in Brooklyn.

Brooklyn Gas Company Hiring Jews, Negroes

Special
NEW YORK—The Brooklyn Borough Gas Company, which last year was charged by the American Jewish Congress with discrimination against Jews and Negroes in its employment policy, has engaged a number of



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Canadian Club Gets New 'Protocols' Edition

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OTTAWA — Members of the "Basic Book Club", organized in Edmonton in 1947 to disseminate anti-Semitic literature, are receiving copies of what is advertised as a new edition of the infamous "Protocols of Zion," it was reported here by Jewish leaders.

Simultaneously the Book Club announced publication of a volume called "The World Food Shortage—A Communist-Zionist Plot." The book is one of the vilest ever published by anti-Semites.

At the same time it was reported that the Social Credit Party had decided to ban the use of anti-Semitic articles in its official organ, the "Social Creditor." Both the editor and the assistant editor of the publication were forced to resign. The magazine had been widely used as an instrument of anti-Semitic propaganda, particularly by Norman Jaques, who was elected to Parliament on the Social Credit Party ticket.

Ex-Mufti Nazi Ties Proof Held Up; British to O.K. It

World Wide News Service
WASHINGTON — Under-Secretary of State Robert Lovett declared here this week that the documents in the hands of the U. S. concerning the ex-Mufti's collaboration with the Nazis will not be made public until the full translation is completed and cleared with the British.

Mr. Lovett made the disclosure at a press conference, during which he said translators were working on the documents but that he did not know when the translations would be completed. He asserted that some of the translations will be ready within a few months but refused to estimate when all the documents will be completed.

Rabbi Harwitz To Canada

BUTLER, Penna. — Rabbi B. Leon Harwitz has been named spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jacob in Edmonton, Can. He will also be advisor to the Jewish students at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

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Course In Arabic Added By Yeshiva U.

World Wide News Service
NEW YORK—The Yeshiva University this week announced that during 1948 the University will offer students several courses in Arab language study.

The new department will be headed by Dr. Joshua Finkel, who for the past 23 years has studied and lived with Arabic scholars all over the Middle East.

Rhodes Scholarships Go to 2 Jewish Students

DENVER, Colo.—Nate Blumberg a student at Colorado University and Dave Schwayder a student at the University of California, have been awarded the coveted Rhodes Scholarships, The Intermountain Jewish News here reported.

Nate is the son of Dr. A. M. Blumberg, of New York City, Dave is the son of Mrs. Ira Shwayder of this city. The two Jewish students were chosen out of candidates from universities in the entire southwest region.

Harry Fischel Dies In Jerusalem At 83

World Wide News Service
JERUSALEM — Harry Fischel, noted American Jewish philanthropist and communal worker in New York, died here at the age of 83. Mr. Fischel took up permanent residence in Jerusalem seven months ago and supervised the Harry Fischel Institute for Research in Talmud, which he endowed in 1932.

Mr. Fischel made a phenomenal success in the realty and building fields. For over half a century he was active in some of the outstanding Jewish organizations. He was treasurer for many years of the HIAS and among the founders of the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Hebrew Free Loan Society and the Home for the Daughters of Jacob. He was treasurer of the Central Relief Committee during World War I.

Mr. Fischel's chief interest in his late years was the Yeshiva College, whose \$3,000,000 building he helped construct as chairman of the building committee.

One of his four surviving daughters is married to Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein.

Off The Record

By Nathan Zyprin

THE guests at the dinner given in honor of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on the eve of his departure for Palestine were treated to a mixture of light and serious talks. . . Rabbi Meier Berlin, World Mizrahi leader, stole the thunder of applause when he referred to Silver as his colleague "but not in the rabbinate". . . When Israel Rokach, the Mayor of Tel Aviv, stepped on the dais the women in the audience were heard gasping at the beauty of the First Lady of the all-Jewish city. . . Rokach was reluctant to address the audience, pleading exhaustion from the trip and the ceremonies at City Hall, where he was received by Mayor O'Dwyer. . . Dr. Emanuel Neumann, who presided, refused to press Rokach, but appealed to him to deliver "an addressee." Rokach responded with what he called a "real address." . . When Neumann called on Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney, the Wyoming Senator precipitated an outburst of applause when he began with saying he would only deliver "an addressee". . . Dr. Silver himself added to the merriment of the occasion when he said that when he runs short in an argument with his wife he will summon the people who paid tribute to him to testify to his nice qualities. . . Neither former Governor Herbert H. Lehman nor Herbert B. Swope, co-sponsors of the dinner, were present. . . Both were stranded by the record snow-fall in New York. . . Eliahu Epstein, the brilliant head of the Washington office of the Jewish Agency slated to be the first Ambassador of the Jewish state in Washington. . . His wife is one of Palestine's great beauties. . . Both are popular in Washington circles. . .

Gillette Denies He's Resigning

Special
NEW YORK—The American League for A Free Palestine has announced that former Senator Guy Gillette "has no intention of withdrawing from the presidency of the League at this time."

The statement was issued in connection with press reports from Iowa quoting the former Senator as stating that he planned to resign the beginning of the year.

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Between You And Me

By BORIS SMOLAR

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AS the Palestine security situation deteriorates, competent observers are leaning more and more to the belief that the United Nations will have to send an international police force to Palestine. . . And the earlier the better. . . Non-Jewish experts believe that such a force must arrive in Palestine within the next three months. . . Otherwise, serious bloodshed on a greater scale than at present can be expected. . . And if this happens, it will be because of the cold-blooded refusal by the nations concerned to take any steps to prevent it. . . A situation may then be created under which nations which voted for partition and for the creation of a Jewish State PALESTINE will have connived at its almost certain destruction. . . It is, of course, taken for granted that the United States Government could exert considerable influence upon the U.N. to obtain the establishment of a voluntary force. . . In fact, this was the original plan suggested by the American delegation when the Palestine issue was discussed by the General Assembly. . . The grave illness and undetermined period of convalescence of Hershel V. Johnson, American delegate to the U.N., who negotiated the Palestine decision, leaves an open link in the American contact with the Palestine problem at the United Nations. . . Maj. Gen. John A. Hill-dring, the other principal American delegate to the U.N., is no longer in the picture since he has retired to Arizona because of poor health. . . Thus, a gap remains at the most critical time, when American action at the United Nations is most important. . . It will have to be filled shortly, if the plans for the U.N. Implementation Commission which should soon proceed to Palestine, are not to suffer for lack of positive U.S. representation. . .

HISTORY is usually written in two ways. . . One is the method of the learned historian who sticks to facts based on research. . . The other is through beautiful TALES fully written tales which OF OUR pass from generation to TIME generation, reflecting certain events and eras. . . Zvi Kolitz, noted Palestinian author now in this country, has chosen the second way. . . His "The Tiger Beneath the Skin," just published by Creative Age Press, is a collection of grim tales of the never-to-be-forgotten Nazi massacre of Jews. . . These tales will very likely become a part of Jewish folklore. . . There is tenderness and love in them for the tormented Jews, and God's vengeance for the tormentors. . . The author, a graduate of a naval school in Italy, was obviously inspired by the beautiful Hebrew legends of the period of the Macabees, of the Inquisition, of the Khmelnitzki pogroms. . . legends which have become an integral part of Jewish history. . . And he apparently decided to immortalize in a similar way a number of Jewish men and women who fell at the hands of the Nazis. . . Thus his story about how the Rabbi of Rytzk cursed a Nazi leader and how the curse materialized is certainly destined to become a classic legend. . . And the same can be said of his tales "The Last Grave," "A Mother's Vengeance" and others, where the tormentors receive God's punishment in an extraordinary way. . . In fact each of the tales in Mr. Kolitz book will find its way into Jewish folklore, not only because of its contents but also because of the extremely sensitive manner in which each story is told. . . It is the first book of short stories of this type, and its value is greater than many of the ponderous tomes published during the last two years on the Nazi atrocities against Jews. . .

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I Think As I Please

By CARL ALPERT

... And Now, Political Realities

IN his faithful history of the Zionist movement, Israel Cohen writes that the Balfour Declaration in 1917 "was hailed by Jews all over the world with a jubilant and almost frenzied enthusiasm as though it betokened the imminent end of their exile and the veritable fulfillment of Biblical prophecies..." I have



checked through newspapers, speeches and reports of public rallies on the occasion and find that Cohen does not exaggerate. On many sides the view was offered that the Zionist organizations could now be dissolved—had not their goal been achieved by virtue of this pronouncement of the mighty and all-powerful British Empire?

Increasingly, as one day succeeds another and events delineate their inexorable course, one's heart trembles with the suspicion and the fear that November 29, 1947, day of the UN decision, is a companion piece on the calendar to November 2, 1917. In our day, too, we have rejoiced and held our victory celebrations with all the fervor of a people to whom joy and victory have been long denied. The release of pent-up emotions, the relaxation of accumulated tensions and delayed hopes in such celebrations may have had genuine psychological therapeutic value for the Jewish people. But the day for klieg lights and confetti has passed, and we are again confronted with stark political realities.

OVER A MONTH AGO, and while the popular mood was still one of jubilation, I ventured a minority opinion on the UN decision, and gave expression to several fears. One of those fears, unfortunately, is already being substantiated. I would much rather have been proven a false prophet. Excited and irrepressible members of the Irgun and Stern Group, carried away by delusions of their own power, and laboring under the misapprehension that their guns have defeated British forces, have now turned those guns against the Arabs, but with results that are bound to be infinitely more tragic and terrible. It was one thing to express hatred for the British. They were, after all, invaders of a sort, and their support was no longer a sine qua non for the establishment of a Jewish state. With respect to the Arabs, however, matters are quite different. These people are to be citizens of the Jewish State and neighbors of the Jewish State, and whatever their feelings of chagrin and resentment may be at the outset, the peace and security of the Jewish State inevitably depends upon their friendship. It must therefore be the primary point in Zionist politics from here on to develop the closest of possible relationships with our fellow Semites. They are not enemies, and no longer opponents; to regard them as such and to act accordingly is to sign the death warrant of the new state in its cradle.

Not even the blowing up of the King David Hotel, spectacular though that was, can rank in political importance with the stupid Irgun act in throwing a bomb among a group of Arabs at the Haifa oil refineries. The result could almost have been predicted. The Arab survivors turned upon their Jewish colleagues and fellow laborers in a fury and massacred forty-one of them. Those forty-one Jews are the victims of Irgun violence as certainly and as directly as if they had been killed by the fragments of the Irgun bomb.

AND NOW there is to be reprisal and counter-reprisal, and the situation will spiral steadily into dire catastrophe. This is playing the Mufti's game with a vengeance. Nothing he has said or done to arouse the Arabs of Palestine can match this and succeeding indiscriminate acts of the Irgun. Where rioting was beginning to decline in tempo and violence, where Arabs were already writhing under the commercial suffering which the disorders entailed, where the Arab man-in-the-street was beginning to resent the artificial stimulation of dissatisfaction, and the natural wrenches of the announced partition were gradually becoming adjusted, the Irgun and Stern Group have recreated a condition of strife and near anarchy.

The British have not been slow to grasp the advantage thus offered. They have promptly announced the possible need for retaining their troops in the country far beyond the 1948 deadline, and have renewed with intensity their new campaign to paint Zionism and Zionists with the Communist brush. The latter is a serious matter which must occupy our attention on another occasion. But for the moment we may mournfully contemplate the immediate results of those acts of the dissident underground which may yet drive the entire Yishuv into catastrophic suicide.

Dr. Glueck On NBC
At Noon (EST) Sunday

NEW YORK—Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, will be featured on the NBC program "World Front" at noon EST Sunday, Jan. 11. Dr. Glueck, an internationally renowned archaeologist, will tell how an "Archaeologist Looks At Palestine" during the half-hour program.

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AL SEGAL Speaks on AILEEN AND WALTER

MR. Maurice H. Berendt of our town hands me a letter which brings up the question: "What should a Jew think about Germans?" Should he hate all Germans and heap the sins of the fathers upon their children unto all time to come? Or should he, without forgiving the awful sins, try at least to forget them, for the sake of the good name of the human race which the Nazis so horribly debased? The sins of the Nazis were a hideous blot on the whole human-kind; since Nazis were of the human family and walked erect and wore pants.

Yes, in the times to come it may be said: "In the fourth decade of the 20th century a section of the human race fell from a high eminence of civilization to such savagery as had not been known even in the primeval youth of man."

Should we, as respectable members of the human race, be willing to forget the Nazi crimes, as a decent family, for the sake of its self-respect, drops from its mind one of its members who was hanged for murder? It never forgives him but tries to forget. And one may remember God being willing to spare the wicked city of Sodom if, as Abraham suggested, ten righteous citizens could be found in it.

Well, anyway, the letter Mr. Behrendt handed me revealed at least one high-minded brightly-shining youth residing in Germany. He is Walter Reiss of No. 14 Karl-August Strasse, Apolda in Thuringa, Germany (Russian zone).

MR. BEHRENDT'S DAUGHTER Aileen had been corresponding with Walter Reiss and that, of course, may need to be explained. By way of helping educate German youth toward democracy, Aileen's high school had decided to correspond with Germans of its age whose names had been made available. German names were handed around and Aileen Behrendt drew Walter Reiss.

Before going any farther, Aileen felt she should tell Walter she is a Jewish girl. She could have no association, even at long distance, with a young Nazi who was perpetuating Hitler by juvenile anti-Semitism. If Walter was that kind he would, happily, make no reply to a Jewish girl but, sure enough, a letter came in English from Walter:

"Dear Aileen,
"This week I have received your letter. At first I want to answer your question concerning the religion. You think in Germany there are many anti-Semites and to answer this question frankly I am sorry to confess that you are right. But this is a sequence of the terrible propaganda of Hitler and Goebbels. But my motto is: Whether you are a Christian, Jew or Moslem, the main point is you are a human being.

"Nevertheless much is done to educate the population of Germany in sense of democracy.

For this reason I am glad to correspond with a member of Jewish religion, so that you may see not all Germans were corrupted by Hitler."

I know nothing of the further correspondence of Aileen and Walter. I may presume that Aileen wrote back with congratulations to discover a civilized German youth touched by the Christian concept of the brotherhood. (Though a lot of dues-paying Christians in the U. S. haven't been touched by it at all.) Yes, Walter may be one of the remnant on account of whom it may be worth saving Germany. Because of people like Walter, left over in Germany by the receding Nazi scum, I can't bring myself to wrap all Germans in one bundle of my hate. Really, will I not be the greater Jew if I say: "I shall not keep vengeance in my heart, since by the hateful spirit I bring myself down to the abyss where the hanged Nazis were. Rather I shall look at Germans with the high head of one who was at Sinai and heard the Commandments given, yet with the compassion of one who knows, from his own experience, that he may not justly condemn all of a people. There are the Walters, too, among them, and for their sake I must be like God and Abraham at the gates of sinning Sodom."

I LIKE WHAT the great Yehudi Menuhin said toward the same direction recently, as reported by the weekly magazine Time. He was playing in Germany, had played before an all-German audience and in charity concert which the de-Nazified conductor, Furtwangler, directed. He had arranged a free concert, too, for the displaced Jews in Berlin, but only 600 of them came to Templehood which seats 2000. The displaced persons were displeased with Menuhin. From their camp they had issued a denunciation against him in their newspaper. What did Menuhin mean by making music for the Germans? ... "Wherever you travel our newspaper will follow you like a curse until your conscience awakes."

Next day Menuhin went to the camp of the displaced, without his fiddle, to give them a speech. He said, sure, he had played for the Germans ... "I have played for the hard-pressed wherever and whenever I could ... You are truly the victims of Nazism, but the tragedy is that you have grown to be like the Nazis ... You make your judgments on a racial basis and you demand that art and music be harnessed to the cause of hate. Love and not hate will heal the world."

After that Mr. Jones, editor of the newspaper of the displaced, felt somewhat repentant ... "If Menuhin offered us a concert today, we would all go," he said. "Perhaps it is too much to expect that those who have not experienced persecutions and camps should understand our feelings."

As for the correspondence between Aileen and Walter, I hope it will go on toward the understanding that this is really one world with one mankind, despite that the Russians want to make two out of it.

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U. S. Orchestras Join In Jewish Music Week

SPECIAL NEW YORK—That the annual impact of Jewish Music Festival to be observed this year from Jan. 24 to Feb. 23 is making itself increasingly felt throughout the country is indicated from the fact that many civic symphonies including those of Rochester, Columbus, Indianapolis, and North Carolina and a host of others will present programs devoted to the works of Jewish composers. Another indication is the concert to be given by the New York Philharmonic Symphony of the Concerto Grosso of Ernest Bloch on Feb. 8.

Over 300 Jewish Community Centers affiliated with the National Jewish Welfare Board, synagogues, fraternal groups, educational bodies and schools will participate in Jewish Music Festival this year.

Conservative Officers To Meet Feb. 1

SPECIAL ALLENTOWN, Penna.—A conference on Congregational Leadership will be conducted here by the United Synagogue of America (Conservative). Topics for discussion include: "What Makes A Good President?" "The Congregational Meeting" and "Congregational Management."

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Woman's Viewpoint

By Helen Cohen

WE were discussing sermons and I volunteered the suggestion, "Why can't rabbis work on the basis that they will only deliver sermons when the spirit moves them?"

Everyone laughed, including me, but I like the idea nonetheless. The rule of a sermon every Friday night only came into being in the late 1800's and has since brought discomfort to both rabbi and congregations. All suspense is taken out of synagogue attendance. The rabbi will sermonize—come what may.

Now, my idea is for the rabbi to use that special time—with discretion—in any way he chooses.

Perhaps he has a poem which has been a source of inspiration to him. Or an article he wants to share with his members. He may wish to have a heart-to-heart talk about one of his congregational problems.

There will be many times of course, when he will refer to the portion of the week to inspire and comfort his listeners.

And I recall several letters in The Post of rabbis who took their sermon time to discuss some of the news items or other features in this paper.

There may be one or several books he may want to recommend and describe (not necessarily review).

Or he may say nothing.

As long as the weekly sermon has not proved spectacularly successful, why not try a new approach?

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ANOTHER organization worker has been driven to verse. Mrs. Rose Weingarten, 1314 S. 21st St., Philadelphia 46, Pa., writes that her poem had its beginning "from the promises I made my family to take it easy next year."

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If I'd sit home how would I feel?

Should I stay away from the sisterhood affair?

How can I? I'm still the president there.

This was the year I planned playing gin

But I didn't have time to get one game in.

Well, next year I'll just step aside

And let another set the stride.

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DAVID HOROWITZ, New York—"Your recommendation that 'the New Year be set in the early Spring, April preferably,' is entirely in line with the Mosaic and Biblical injunction on the break of the true New Year. Exodus 12: 1-2 cannot be understood in any other way: 'And the Lord spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month (Nisan) shall be put unto you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year unto you.'

"Every single prophet recorded in the Bible numbered the months of the year beginning with Nisan or April."

No Basis for Segregation In Synagogues, Temples

Editor, Post Women's Page,

As far as an orthodox Synagogue goes, women are delegated to the balcony, where, in some locations, it is impossible to see what is going on, while the men get the best seats—on the main floor. This actually puts the men in a very bad light (for if segregation is desired, both the main floor and the balcony could be divided into two sections for seating purposes.)

But the men actually put themselves completely out-of-line by two other things they do: For one thing, it is the men who march around and dance with noise-makers, watch for the stars to come out, and wear religious garb. Yet are they any more religious than the women who are sitting quietly in the balcony or are getting dinner ready at home? No, they are not! Also the men say a prayer which goes like this: "Blessed art thou, Oh G-D, who has not created us a woman." The words of this prayer are not to be found in the Hebrew Bible, in which book women are equal with men.

In Genesis we find the words: "And it is not good that Adam should be alone;" "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be as one flesh;" "Male and-female created he them, and blessed them and called their name Adam." In Exodus: "Honor thy father and thy mother." In Leviticus: "Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father." Strangely enough, no basis for Judaism's traditional attitude toward women can be found in Israel's Bible. . .

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I HOPE and pray American Jews never have to suffer the tragedy that was the lot of German Jewry. But I hope and pray that you learn from our experience, that you develop a greater realization of the inner satisfaction of spirituality. Too many of us don't appreciate the intangibles of life. We become so immersed in the materialistic phases of existence that we don't properly appreciate the virtues of faith, the nobility of freedom, and the contentment of good conscience. That is the message of religion, that is the message of the American Jewish Cavalcade, which I hope to bring to those with whom I come in contact during my visit to America.—Rabbi Leo Baeck

Sermon of the week: "Have You a Christmas Caroller in Your Home?" Rabbi Elias Charry, Germantown Jewish Centre, Philadelphia.

Our Film Folks of HOLLYWOOD

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By LEON GUTTERMAN

THE story of Paulette Goddard, world famous motion picture star, is one of those true-life tales which working girls all over the world love to read because it proves that Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl, Tillie the Toiler and the Million Dollar Baby in the 5 and 10 cent store can someday reign as a queen in her own right.

Paulette started her stage career as a pretty girl with a lovely figure and a nice smile, who didn't speak a line in the show but merely sat in a prop moon and had herself sung to. Just one of the thousands of nonentities in musical shows every year since someone like Flo Ziegfeld discovered that customers would pay money just to look at beauty and didn't demand talent all the time.

It was something of a shock to an ambitious girl to learn that she was not to sing and dance in a spotlight or even work in a sketch. Her sole duty in "Rio Rita" was to sit in that prop

"Gentlemen's Agreement" Voted Best in 1947

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK—"Gentlemen's Agreement," a film dealing with anti-Semitism, was voted the best English-speaking film of 1947 by the New York Film Critics. The motion picture, based on the best-selling novel of the same name by Laura Hobson, was directed by Elia Kazan.

moon and smile. But she took it as a starter and each night she sat faithfully and, from this vantage point, watched how the big stars got over in front of audiences. She soon realized how lucky she was, an amateur, not trying the difficult task stars have. As a result of her constant and faithful sitting, Paulette was given a few lines in the next Ziegfeld show.

Right then and there, she decided to make a trip to the land of the Cinema Sun—Hollywood. The result was that, a few months later, she landed in Hollywood with a determination to get somewhere in the movies. She hustled right into the Hal Roach studios and said she wanted a screen test. She had it all mapped out. She would get valuable training in some of those shorts and then eventually Producer Roach might put her in one of the features he was making.

Well, she got the test—and a contract. And that was all the movie work she did during the six months under contract to the studio.

So Paulette, sensing the situation, went job hunting again with her agent. The first one to come up was a spot in the movie chorus of the Eddie Cantor musical film "The Kid From Spain," at Sam Goldwyn's studio. Paulette took it. She knew that, in film musicals, pretty chorines often got closeups—even if only a flash—in musical numbers. She was right. She got into several of these closeups. Put together, they made a neat little screen test.

Charlie Chaplin was then looking for a leading woman for "Modern Times." He didn't want an actress—just a beautiful girl. Paulette's agent told him how to see some closeups of her. Chaplin saw and the upshot was that Paulette became the girl in his picture.

That comedy was two years in the making. That meant two years of ballyhoo about the epic and Paulette's picture was in newspapers and magazines month after month. She rapidly became the champion "unseen star of the screen world." Always in the papers, but as yet unseen on the screen. That sort of thing quickly intrigues the public—and Hollywood. Producers began to consider her newsworthy enough just to have in a picture, regardless of how good an actress she was. But Charlie had her under contract, desired to introduce her to the public in his own picture.

Finally the movie was finished and, while waiting for the release of it, Paulette took a vacation trip to the Orient. At this time, she boldly started a campaign. She began sending post cards to Producer-Director Cecil B. DeMille, always asking when he would have a picture for her. This "nerve" intrigued the old master of films but he hadn't seen her on the screen and, of course, didn't know when he would have a part for her. But the cards kept coming.

When Paulette got home from her trip, she found that Producer David O. Selznick had pulled a "coup" on her talents. He had arranged to borrow her from Chaplin for her first talking picture role, "Modern Times," you'll remember, was a silent movie in the midst of talkies. Selznick would introduce her with dialogue. The picture was "The Young In Heart," with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Janet Gaynor.

Then Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer stepped in and got Paulette for "Dramatic School" with Luise Rainer. Goddard was an attraction. Yet few expected her really to do any acting. And she wanted to show that she could troupe.

Paulette's contract, somewhere along the line, had been taken over by Selznick. He loaned her to Paramount to play opposite a comedian who was just beginning to climb into star ranks. The fellow was Bob Hope and the picture was "The Cat and the Canary." Paulette then went back to MGM for a supporting role in "The Women." Her part was small but it was a good one. Then came "The Dictator" with Charlie Chaplin.

Meanwhile, her first movie with Hope had been established as a terrific hit and Paramount wanted to team them again. So she went to Paramount and made "Ghost Breakers." The studio gave her a long term contract.

Cecil B. DeMille was then preparing "North West Mounted Police." Paulette decided this was the time for her to be in a DeMille opus. She made herself up as "Louvette," the tempestuous half-breed siren, got some of the script, perfected an accent, and strode into DeMille's office, waving her arms, speaking in the dialect and doing a scene. In this manner DeMille

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ADVISES MOTHERS NOT TO LET CHILD ATTEND CLASS IN NEARBY CHURCH

Dear Mrs. Paller,

MY son, who will enter the fourth grade in February, tells me that in his new grade, the children will be excused from class for one hour each week to go to a neighboring church for bible class.

There are only two Jewish children in the class and my son dreads the idea of remaining behind in the classroom while the others go to bible class. He wants permission to go to the class too. Now while I think the class is a fine thing for the Christian children who would get very little religious training if it were not for this class, I wonder if I ought to let my child attend, and learn about the New Testament from the Protestant point of view. There is the point of view which says that knowledge of another religion will do him no harm, and I dislike the thought of his being singled out as different . . . and yet, I feel it would be wrong to let him go, though I don't know why. What do you think about the matter?

MRS. M. M.

Indianapolis, Ind.

WE AGREE with you that it would be wrong to let your son in fourth grade attend classes in the New Testament. It does an adult no harm to study about different fundamental beliefs other than his own because his attitudes are set. But a nine-year old child is just beginning to learn about his religion. He has not studied sufficiently to understand the philosophy behind the practices of Judaism. He does not yet appreciate Jewish values.

If, at this time, he is sent to a church and taught Christianity, which is the majority religion and the path of least resistance, he is likely to become completely confused.

Sound pedagogy maintains that if a child is to have loyalty to his country, he must master United States History before he begins to learn about the histories of other countries. In the same way, if a Jewish child is to remain loyal to his people, he must master the fundamentals of Judaism before he is exposed to the teachings of Christianity.

We must take exception to your thought that the introduction of religious education into the public school system is a good thing for anyone. Church and school have been traditionally separated and in our opinion, should remain so. In our public schools points of unity should be stressed. The children should learn how to work together for common aims. It is wrong that a Jewish child must choose between sitting alone in a schoolroom because he is not Christian or attending classes in a religion different from his own.

However, there is this minor consolation. Many gentile children are not attending the bible classes. They go only if they wish to and if their parents sign statements permitting them to go. The way it is working out in our school is that about a third of the class, Jewish and gentile, remains in the classroom during bible class periods, so that it is a matter of choice rather than of religion.

cooked. Add salt and pepper. Add boiling water and tomatoes, and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Dot with butter, and bake in oven at 350 degrees an hour and a half or until done.

Recipe of the Week

Contributed by Mrs. D. Primack, 219 E. Oak St., Louisville, Ky.

CLOVERLEAF ROLLS

1 pint sweet milk or water 1 teaspoon salt
 ½ cup sugar 1 cake compressed yeast
 ½ cup butter or vegetable shortening ½ teaspoon baking soda
 1 egg 1 teaspoon baking powder
 about 7 cups flour

Scald milk (if water is used, have rather hot). Add sugar, shortening, egg, and salt. Cool to lukewarm. Crumble yeast and add to liquid. Add 2 or 3 cups of sifted flour, to which have been added the soda and baking powder. Beat until batter is smooth. Set in warm place until it begins to rise; then add enough sifted flour to make a soft dough. Knead lightly until smooth and place in a greased bowl. Brush with melted fat. Cover and store in refrigerator; or let rise until it has doubled in bulk. Roll dough into little balls, putting 3 into each greased muffin tin. Let rise about 2 hours and then bake at 400 degrees for about 15 minutes, or until done. Makes approximately 30 rolls.

The Post will send one of Tina Lohman's famous cook books to each reader whose recipe is printed as "The Recipe of the Week."

OUR FILM FOLK

Continued from preceeding page—met the girl who had the nerve to send those post cards. He cast her for the "Louvette" role, opposite Gary Cooper. With the release of that smash hit, Paulette Goddard had proved she is a great actress. She has been soaring ever since.

THERE WAS no religious school last Sunday, neither at Mizpah nor at most of the other congregations. This was due to the midwinter recess during which attendance at Religious School is very poor.

Nevertheless, three of our own classes met at the Temple last Sunday. Here is how it happened. Our Intermediate Assembly was drawing to a close.

At this point, one student arose and stated that most of the children in his class had decided to ask for permission to meet on Sunday. After permission was granted, two other classes made similar requests.

Why such a to-do about this incident? Because it proves what fundamentally wholesome Jewish impulses many of our children have. If these impulses were encouraged in the home instead of throttled as they often are, the potentialities for a sound Jewish religious life would be enormous. If some of our children make requests for more rather than less Jewish education, what great prospects would lie ahead if these requests were stimulated and encouraged in the home?—Rabbi David Polish.

mend Howard and his parents.—Germantown Jewish Centre (Philadelphia) Bulletin.

Announcements

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What Foods These Morsels Be

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FISH is more versatile than most of us realize. Though much can be said for gefilte and fried fish, we offer you three unusual suggestions to add to your collection.

FISH CHOWDER

6 large potatoes, diced 1½ pounds raw fish, boned and skinned
 6 large tomatoes, diced ½ cup butter
 2 large onions, diced 1 cup sweet cream
 salt and pepper 1 teaspoon paprika
 6 cups water

Put vegetables in pot, add salt, pepper and water, cover pot, and let cook 45 minutes. Cut fish into small pieces, and add. Let cook 15 minutes longer or until fish is tender. Add butter and cream, add paprika. Stir, and let cook 5 minutes longer.

FISH SUCCOTASH

1½ cups navy beans 1 teaspoon salt
 1 onion, sliced thin 2 cups cereal cream or milk
 1½ pounds fish 2 or 3 tablespoons butter
 2½ cups whole kernel corn

Pick over and wash beans, soak until they have swelled. Place in pot, add onion, add more water to cover, and let boil until almost tender. Remove onion if desired. Add corn, cut fish into small pieces and add, add salt. Let simmer until fish is done. Flake fish through beans and corn, so as to mix well. Add cream or milk (more than 2 cups may be added if a thinner succotash is preferred), add butter, and bring to boiling point. Serve immediately in soup bowls with crackers broken over the top.

If possible, use fresh beans and corn. Shell the beans. Cut kernels of corn, boil cobs until water is well flavored, remove cobs, and use this water in boiling the beans and corn.

FISH WITH RICE AND VEGETABLES

4 tablespoons butter 2 cups grated potatoes
 1 cup chopped onions salt and pepper
 2 cups grated carrots 2 cups boiling water
 2½ cups raw fish, diced 2 cups stewed tomatoes
 ½ cup rice bread crumbs
 1 cup chopped celery

Fry onions in butter until soft, and put in baking dish. Add a layer of carrots, then of fish, rice, celery and potatoes, all un-

WE ARE delighted to record the fact that both Howard and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Temin, have decided not to have a public Bar Mitzvah reception. Instead, they will send the funds that such a reception would entail to the D. P. camps overseas. The money will be transmitted through Hadassah for their special fund which supplies "extras" (necessary comforts not otherwise provided in the charity budgets) for children who are preparing to emigrate to Palestine under Youth Aliyah. We feel this to be a notable action and com-

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Friday, January 9, 1948

The Editor's Chair,

THE present position of the American Council for Judaism rests upon two principal contentions.

The organization contends firstly that with the creation of a Jewish State, the ties of the U.S. Jewish Community with that state must be purely religious and cultural.

The second fear of the Council is in connection with the Zionist drive for Chalutzit.

On the first point, it should be understood that the position of U.S. Zionism is not that Jews are homeless in the United States. The Council may be able to quote from statements made by U.S. Zionists leaders to prove the contrary. But the fight for a Jewish State is over, and statements made in the heat of battle sometimes place emphasis in the wrong place. No responsible U. S. Zionist today would dream of advocating that U.S. Jewry should betake itself to Palestine.

Council leaders need only call to mind the Zionists they know, the Zionists in their own community, to realize that if they can quote this man or that leader to the effect that Zionist philosophy maintains that all Jews are homeless, such a feeling is not shared by even a small percentage of U.S. Zionists.

There is also the point that emotions have been aroused over the past decade which are legitimate emotions, much more so than the fears of the anti-Zionists, and which will take some time to subside. The hope is that these emotions will be translated into the beginning of a revival of Jewish cultural and religious feeling leading to a creative American Jewish community.

The second point on Chalutzit is in the same category. Some Zionist leaders have used the term hundreds of thousands of U.S. Jewish youth in connection with the need of the new Jewish State for hardy pioneering souls who wish to take part in the building of the Jewish nation and who have the skills and the know-how of American young people.

Obviously these statements were propaganda ones. Thousands of Jewish youth throughout the United States may be stirred to cast their lot with the new Jewish State, and everyone, Jew and non Jew would wish them godspeed, but it is utterly fantastic to talk in figures of hundreds of thousands.

Finally there is this to be said.

If the Council feels that the activity of the Zionists jeopardizes the position of the U.S. Jewish community, they should take their case to the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith which has not been backward in setting up self-discipline among certain Jewish trade groups or the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

Editorial Page

cil. In Philadelphia, the local affiliate of the NCRAC did study the question of statements made by both Zionists and the American Council for Judaism which it was charged were harmful and representations were made to both groups.

The National Community Relations Advisory Council, composed of all the defense agencies, plus some twenty-odd local Jewish community relations councils is made up of Zionists and non Zionists and probably a fair proportion of anti-Zionists. There is no reason why the Council for Judaism cannot bring any complaint it may have to the NCRAC for remedial action. It may be recalled that in this connection when it seemed that certain Zionist activity in the last presidential campaign might be prejudicial to the Jewish position, representations were made and assurances given that were satisfactory.

At its convention next week in St. Louis it would seem timely to suggest that the Council program by this time should be enlarged to include some positive goals for American Jewish life. It must be clear to the Council leadership that a purely opposition (if not negative) program, will lead to disaster.

The last 15 years have been hectic ones for Jewry. Many of the dislocations in Jewish life can be traced to the effect of these years on the Jewish mind and the Jewish heart.

If and when the fighting in Palestine ceases, U. S. Jews will begin (it will be a long process) to become more normal. The controversies in Jewish life are on the point of losing their urgency, and U.S. Jewry can turn all its energies to building a creative Jewish community here, to aiding in the upbuilding of a Jewish State and to the alleviation of the condition of Jews in Europe.

Attorneys Surprised At Terms For Nazis

World Wide News Service

DACHAU—Hans Moerser, former commander of the Nordhausen camp, was sentenced to death following conviction on charges of complicity in murdering Jews and other camp prisoners who were employed in manufacturing V-bombs. Fourteen other defendants accused of camp atrocities were given prison sentences ranging from five years to life imprisonment.

The trial marked the end of the mass hearings in the U.S. zone in Germany. The attitude of the prosecutors to the light sentences was reflected in a remark by one of them that "there is no defense like time." Even the attorneys that were assigned to defend the criminals were amazed as the light terms. Four of the accused were completely exonerated.

Dr. Baeck Arrives, Visits Truman

Special

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Dr. Leo Baeck, president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism and former Chief Rabbi of Berlin, who arrived in New York by air from London, visited President Truman here. Rabbi Baeck came here to participate in the American Jewish Cavalcade sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Morgenstern, Sachar Named

CHICAGO—Dr. Julian Morgenstern and Dr. A. L. Sachar were jointly awarded the 1947 National Service Award of Phi Epsilon Pi Fraternity, at the 43rd annual convention of the fraternity here.

Should Jews Oppose Religious Celebrations, Etc., in Schools?

THE discussion over the fight on the bringing of celebrations of a religious nature into the classrooms in the Current Comment section below, warrants more airing. Other viewpoints, and perhaps those of Jewish laymen and Jewish teachers in the public schools should be expressed.

Up to this point all action taken by Jewish groups has been taken democratically. The National Community Relations Advisory Council discussed the situation thoroughly and has taken the stand that the separation of the Church and State must be guarded at all costs. As a result of this decision by Jewish experts, the Jewish group has frowned on the spread of the release-time and other plans for religious instruction in schools, or on school time, and took a stand in the Vashti McCollum case now before the Supreme Court.

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein's point of view certainly deserves consideration. The recent experience in the New York case may be helpful. In any event, the situation is not one in which a mathematical formula will be of any help.

The Post is inclined to agree with the action of the New York Board of Rabbis, but obviously the action has thus far been of a negative value. The Post has maintained, even in the case of release-time, that the Jewish group was getting exercised over an unimportant matter, that the separation of the Church and State was not involved, and that as long as the situation prevailed, even in the Jewish group, of so appalling an absence of any religious training, public opinion would support the use of schools in an attempt to raise the morality of the young people.

Current Comment

Reconstructionist Magazine Doesn't Believe Carols Etc., Can Be Eliminated from Public Schools—Certain aspects of Christian civilization and religion are so deeply entrenched in the school program that any attempt to dislodge them would be quixotic. Such indeed was the effort of Assistant Superintendent Isaac Bildersee, in New York, to ban the singing of Christmas carols in the schools under his jurisdiction. School vacations revolve around Christmas and Easter; Christmas trees adorn every school and the Christmas "spirit" pervades all of them. Dr. Bildersee's ban was quickly rescinded when it became apparent that a violent storm was brewing.

The realities of the situation are that the overwhelming majority of Christians, although they may tolerate a ban on sectarian religious instruction in the public schools, will not tolerate the removal of certain basic observances—like Christmas and the reading of the Bible in assemblies—from the schools. They will justify such observances on the ground that they are celebrations or exercises of general cultural value rather than religious rites and that it would be fairer to excuse the children of the minorities from participating in these celebrations if they have religious scruples, than to deny to the majority of children the opportunity to observe them. The best we can hope to accomplish is to have our Christian neighbors recognize all the realities and not only those which touch them immediately. The other realities are that the American people is composed of many religious groups, and nationality and ethnic groups. If the schools are to be truly representative, they should include in their observances the customs of many peoples and many religions.

They would then accomplish two purposes. First, they would be helping to promote real good will. Those who feel left out of the majority observance will be granted recognition for being what they are. Second, they would be promoting inter-cultural education. When people of different faiths and cultures have to live and work together, they should have more opportunity of becoming acquainted with one another's traditions under conditions of mutual respect. When many different observances are conducted in the schools, all such observances tend to become more like demonstrations than like actual religious rites; they become instructive rather than propagandist.

This proposal too is not new, nor is it without its dangers. Jewish children who would not be receiving a supplementary Jewish education in a good Hebrew school might get some very distorted notions about Jewish religion. They might be led to imagine, for example, that Chanukah is "the Jewish Christmas" and Pesah, "the Jewish Easter," while Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur which do not happen to coincide with any season of celebration in the public school are of minor importance. But at least the child who gets a Jewish supplementary education will get a lift from feeling that what he learns in his Hebrew school can be utilized by him in his public school in ways that will win him the recognition and applause of his Christian as well as his Jewish classmates.

But the ultimate solution of the problem of religion in the public school calls for a more fundamental treatment than any of those so far proposed. The kind of religion that should be taught need not and should not be related to the traditions of any of the historic religious communities. The responsibility for maintaining those traditions must rest on the churches and the synagogues. The religion taught in the schools should be based on American experience. It should enable children to give a religious interpretation to American history,

one that would derive spiritual and ethical values from it in the way in which the Bible derives them from the history of ancient Israel. Such American religion would sanctify the great personalities, scenes, documents, symbols of American life and would observe American national holidays by religious exercises that have no specific dependence on any of the rituals of the historic religions.

This solution of the problem of religion in the public schools would preserve the intent of the original separation of church and state and be an influence for democratic unity.

No Way In Which Religious Elements Can Be Separated from Colorful Folk Lore, Says Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein—I notice that more and more public and private schools are introducing a Chanukah note in the midst of the elaborate pre-Christmas preparations. I would much prefer it if both Christmas and Chanukah were celebrated in the homes and churches and not in the schools, since there is no way by which the religious elements in these Holy Days can be separated from their colorful folk-lore. Such practice would be closer to our honored tradition of the segregation of Church and State.

It would be a faithful corollary of George Washington's insistence that this nation is neither Christian, Jewish nor Mohammedan. We will probably never be able to achieve such a strict interpretation of the separation of Church and State. The attempts on the part of Jewish groups to eliminate Christmas celebrations from the public schools have back-fired and have unleashed tart reactions from many Christians.

The next best policy is to see that the schools emphasize the less Christological and dogmatic aspects of the Nativity and that they also include the folk festivals and major religious observances of non-Christian groups.

Strangely enough, it is often the Jewish parents who most object to the introduction of Chanukah or Passover into a public or private school program. They are not motivated so much by zealous regard for the principle of separation of Church and State as by a desire not to make their Jewishness too visible. They are overly anxious not to remind their non-Jewish neighbors of their differences.

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It has been my experience that such self-effacement is the prelude to self-debasement and to the contempt of the Christian. A Christian almost invariably respects a Jew who is ready to stand up and be counted much more than one who insists that there is "really no fundamental difference."

The tolerance we get for sublimating our differences or excusing them is never half so much as the true appreciation of differences. If we strive only for tolerance we generally achieve polite contempt. If, however, we strive for respect for our unlikeness we most often get real tolerance.

Rabbi Jacob J. Honig, of the Huntington (Long Island) Jewish Center Upholds Views of New York Board of Rabbis—I still stand opposed, as an American, to the celebration of any festival, Christmas or Chanukah, in the public schools. My sentiments are joined with those of the New York Board of Rabbis of which I am a member, that the religious festival celebration in the public schools "is a dangerous infringement upon religious liberty . . . and the Board of Rabbis reaffirms its faith in the fundamental principle of Democracy—the separation of Church and State".

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ATTENDING SERVICES, MEETINGS NO SIGN OF PIETY OR JEWISHNESS SAYS READER

Editor, National Jewish Post,

I would like to discuss a topic aroused by the articles entitled "Jewish Life at Northwestern?" which appeared in the Jan. 2 issue of the Post.

It should be pointed out, first of all, to Irving White, the author, and to the readers, that the title of this series of articles is "How Jewish are the Jewish Students at University?"

Mr. White, in his article, is, to my opinion, putting himself in the same category as a number of our so called "religious leaders" throughout the country. He is trying to determine how Jewish a person is by examining the persons' religious activities. It is on this point that I differ with Mr. White.

I suppose it all boils down to what we believe religion is. Mr. White evidently believes it centers primarily around the church or synagogue. I believe in religion as expressed by Rabbi Brickner of Baltimore. He said, Religion is, "Man thinking his highest, doing his best, and feeling his deepest."

A man has to think his highest in terms of his country, other countries, and his fellow man.

A man has to do his best to put his thinking to some constructive use. Only through actual progressive organizations (of which there are few Jewish ones) can he do this.

A man has to feel his deepest. He has to feel inside himself the proudness which comes with being a Jew. He has to feel that what he thinks and what he does is for the good of all mankind. He cannot afford to be ashamed of being a Jew.

A man does not have to attend services at a synagogue on Friday night, Saturday, or on holidays, nor does he have to attend Jewish lectures, clubs and affairs in order to be a good Jew. He is a good Jew only in that he does well by his fellow men. Far too numerous are the so called "religious" people who attend everything Jewish that is humanly possible, only in their private lives, to continually abuse their fellow men.

Being a realist, I believe that praying has never nor ever will accomplish anything material. It is merely a psychological outlet for one's emotions. If people believe that praying is the only determinant of being religious, than very little will ever be accomplished in the way of correcting the racial problems we have before us at the present time. Do not for one minute think I am against praying. I definitely am not. But I do think that praying is only a minute particle of religion. It is but a fraction of "Man feeling his deepest."

The people at Northwestern may be better Jews than you or I, Mr. White.

Mr. White speaks of the lack of attendance at the Jewish cultural affairs at the University. I gather from his article that these affairs occur quite frequently.

I believe that affairs such as Mr. White mentions are detrimental to the Jewish cause when carried to an excess. The very thing that causes ill-will between the Jewish and Gentile students, or, for that matter, between Jewish and Gentile people as a whole, is the segregating of the Jewish people into numerous "private meetings." It makes the Jew appear "snobbish" and unsociable in the eyes of the Gentile. The Jewish people, most of the ones I know, seem to have an air of superiority about them which

puzzles the Gentile and alienates them from us. The sooner this "air" is forgotten, the sooner the Jewish people will be accepted by all Gentile peoples. You'll find that the Jews who have lost this "air" somewhere along the line are the ones who get along very nicely with everyone of every faith.

I would have, at the many universities, Jewish sponsored cultural meetings with both Jews and Gentiles participating. Jewish topics and problems could be discussed as well as other topics of interest. Many meetings of this sort have been sponsored by churches and other organizations and have been very well received. It breeds better understanding between fellow men and makes for unity. It cannot be accomplished, however, when this air of superiority is prevalent.

There is but one final point I'd like to bring up. It is addressed to the readers and I would like to hear opinions on the subject, particularly from the younger set.

Don't you think that the younger generation has been driven from the synagogues, particularly the orthodox and partially, the conservative, by the length and depth of the service?

The religious Gentile attends church on Sunday for approximately 30 to 50 minutes and evidently accomplishes just as much spiritually as the orthodox Jew does in a number of hours.

Believing as I do that praying is not religion in its entirety, I think that I would get as much satisfaction in an hour's worship as I can get in four or five.

Those of us young folks whose parents attend orthodox and sometimes conservative synagogues are rather bewildered by all the confusion attendant on these services, whether at the services for older folks or for the young people. We have, most of us, had a Hebrew education and yet we get the feeling that despite these long, sincere, tedious hours of praying no one actually knows what they are saying or why they are praying! It all boils down to the fact that, "my father did it, his father did it, so I have to do it." Consequently we attend services as little as possible and have no desire to attend.

The Jewish race is slowly but surely losing its young people. I think that when the Jewish people begin to realize that they can accomplish much more through shorter services, the younger generation who have been driven away will come back into the fold and make a bigger and more united people. The service will have to be shorter, understandable, and yet retain the dignity it has held before. . . a not impossible task.

In closing I would like to leave you with a question about which to think.

Is this too prevalent air of superiority, which is undermining the Jewish race, a result of an inferiority complex on the part of some of our people? Do they act superior because deep down inside they are ashamed of being Jews? Think it over—I think herein lies the answer to a great many questions.

BERNARD J. FINE

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To Publish Lewisohn Novel

NEW YORK — Farrar, Straus will publish a new novel by Ludwig Lewisohn, "Anniversary," on Jan. 16. The plot revolves around life and love in a small New England town.

Would Draft Ingrid For 1948 U.J.A. Drive

Editor, National Jewish Post.

In your issue of Dec. 19, you bring the news from Leon Guterman that the universally-beloved actress and movie star, Ingrid Bergman, is of Jewish ancestry. What an inspiring and effective gesture it would be if she could be induced to take an active part in the 1948 U.J.A. campaign!

Sincerely
SAMUEL BERSON

1450 Broadway
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Wants M. Z. Frank To Keep Promise.

Dear Mr. Frank,

To quote you from the Dec. 19 issue: "Then there is the cultural aspect. This is my bailiwick. I don't expect to exhaust it in two or three columns. . . . My remarks on an institutional survey on the social and philanthropic aspects of American Jewish life, holds for the cultural. But in the latter,—more,—next time!" Then why the "Stybel" column in the Dec. 26 issue? It's a wonderful column, but what about keeping your promise?

HENRY EPSTEIN

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DOESN'T BELIEVE CHILDREN IN ATLANTA, MIAMI BEACH DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS

Editor, National Jewish Post.

Ruby Zagoren's article entitled "Northern, Southern Jews Different, Educator Finds," in your issue of Dec. 26, came as a surprise to me.

As one who is a personal friend of Mr. J. P. Marash, I wonder whether he meant what was reported, and whether it was meant for publication.

For more than seven years I was actively associated with the Jewish community life of Atlanta, and intimately connected with the United Hebrew School of Atlanta—until recently Atlanta's only Jewish community school. This period both preceded and succeeded the time Mr. Marash was with the Jewish Educational Alliance and the Federal Prison Bureau.

Atlanta's Jewish children are in no way different from Northern children. They are as "responsible" and as "irresponsible," as "interested" and as "disinterested" as children tend to be elsewhere. The statement that "in Atlanta, Georgia, children of Jewish faith have a tendency to dodge responsibility" is unwarranted.

As for the statement "the children become used to having things done for them"—this is no more true there than elsewhere. It is altogether a generalization. It depends on many other factors than being able to hire a Negro woman to do the housework. There are many children who expect their parents to wait on them hand and foot in New York City, and their parents do it, while there are many in Atlanta who assume responsibility and

DISAGREES WITH FRANK THAT POLICIES OF NEW STATE NO CONCERN OF U.S. JEWS

Editor, National Jewish Post.

In reference to M. Z. Frank's article in your edition of Friday Jan. 2, may I express my reaction to the two main points involved in the views outlined?

First, it is not the business nor right of diasporic Jewry to determine the form of Jewish statehood.

Second, an attempt to justify, or, rather, diminish any expected criticism or opposition to a Socialist commonwealth.

This thesis is, of course, based upon the thought that there will, of necessity, be a political break between Zionist agencies here and Palestine. I wonder how strenuous or complete this break will be. May I, in view of M. Z. Frank's quotations by Dr. Silver and Emanuel Neumann, "The social and economic structure of Palestine concerns only the Jews of Palestine." . . . "If the Jews of Palestine want to have a Socialist state, I have no objections, no objections whatsoever," point out that these declarations are not consistent with the formation of the World Confederation of General Zionists. For that body, through its exercises of economic discrimination and support of Palestinian social theories (national education, free and private enterprise) is in the business of influencing forms of economic and political activity which are integral parts of the direction towards or away from other specific statehood forms.

Not to be outdone the sponsorship of cooperative forms by the Labor Zionist groups is a means of influencing the social and economic concepts and realities which will make up the final political form of the Jewish State.

It is an unwieldy and at present false conception that we must completely divorce ourselves from attempting to organize our own wishes for a definite concept of Jewish statehood. Would M. Z. Frank counsel non-alignment by World Zionists outside of Palestine if the forces of the Legion gained control and installed a Fascist state? Can one imagine Labor acquiescing or Labor Zionism giving it a blessing? On the other hand, the urge to mind our own business is legitimate if we like what is happening (Democratic cooperative) but not legitimate if we were to dislike what cannot even remotely occur (fascism). I think that M. Z. Frank's ground is too uneven.

I would like to make it quite clear that this is not an attempt to disown a Socialist commonwealth, nor to relate it in any way to the sort of thinking which advocates political separation (policies implying vaster areas than just voting or citizenship) when economic determinations, Hechalutz, Confederation of General Zionists, Labor Zionist Organization of America, Hahonim, Hashomer Hatzair, Betar Mizrahi, etc., are factors in America which are determining and have determined the direction in which the Jewish State will be politically and economically attuned.

There are many other misleading qualifications in other ascriptions by M. Z. Frank. I might mention the sort of folderol explanation of his main thesis, through the use of illustration in which a Jew from Kalamazoo should not take exception to the activities (communal) of a Jew from Shannappocanda. Let us extend this conception of "mind your own business" to areas of social and religious concern. Let us take the instance of a Jew in Philadelphia, or a communal agency which claims that the introduction of religious training in public schools is an excellent and noteworthy event—not only does he advocate this, but he acts to support it. According to M. Z. Frank, this is a geographical and local circumstance. Can Chicago Jewry object, interfere or resolve otherwise? Can it go to the press and denounce Philadelphia Jewry? Why of course not, this is not right. In M. Z. Frank's own words: "It wouldn't be right for me, a Jew of Kalamazoo (Chicago) to start a movement in Kalamazoo (Chicago) for how to run the Jewish community in Shannappocanda (Philadelphia)," would it?

How untenable this is! What havoc this would cause to our policies of nationwide significance. Yes, when it comes to the hiring or firing of a shammos or the building of a local institution we may for practical purposes remain isolated. But on issues involving all of us or a good part of us we can not be silent. Unless we have decreed that Jewish statehood is of local concern. Again we wonder that in view of the anxiousness of American Jewry to absorb the Palestinian Yishuv cultural renaissance into its own format of life can we harmonize extreme cooperation principles with our own neo-capitalistic forms. (See how extremely one-sided was our chutzpah experience before Plugath Aliyah?)

Much thinking must go into this problem before we get M. Z. Frank's finality. It is certainly a

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Shorts

IRVING Moundschein, New York University's great track star, regarded as the United States' foremost Olympic hope, was the recipient of the Metropolitan A.A.U.'s eighth annual meritorious performance award. He received the medal at a recent meeting of the Track Writer's Association at the New York A.C.

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Adriane Goldberg, a 17 year old net star from Baltimore, went all the way to the title before losing to Laura Lou Jann of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in the annual National Girls indoor singles tennis tournament at Brookline, Mass. last week.

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Averages as of Dec. 22 instead of Dec. 31 may be used for entrants in the forthcoming National B'nai B'rith Bowling association sectional tournament, Secretary Maurice Mauenberg revealed. His address is 334 18th St. Toledo 2, Ohio. The Cincinnati and St. Paul-Minneapolis sectionals are scheduled Feb. 7-8 and the Cleveland and Kansas City events take place Feb. 14-15. The 1948 event will be the largest ever.

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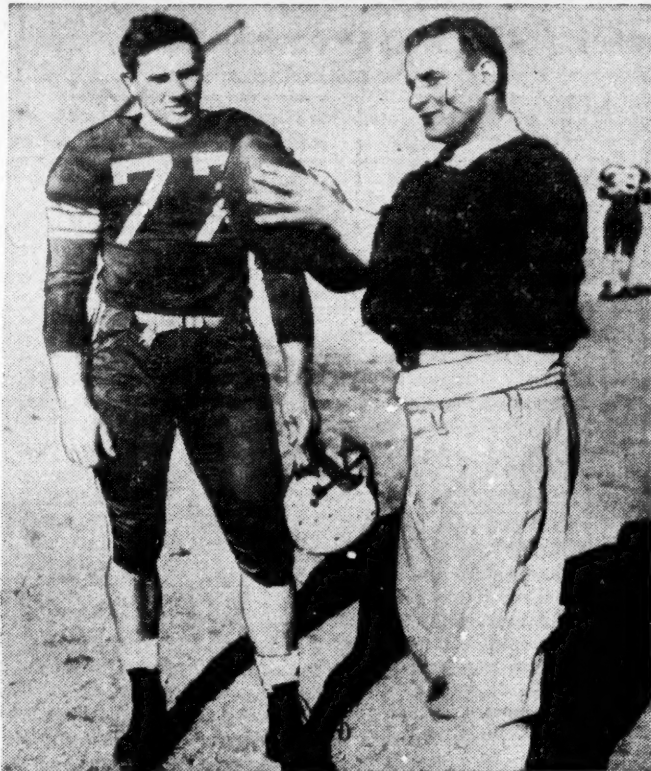
Myron Ginsburg, a catcher who was with Williamsport last season, will go south with the Detroit Tigers in March.

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Pablo Eisenberg of Maplewood, N. J. was beaten in the finale of the national indoor boys event by Fred Jax of Hamtramck, Mich. 4-6, 6-3 and 6-2.

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Sidney Schwartz will long re-



Gillman's Team Winner In Bowl Game

Sid Gillman, popular coach of the Miami (Ohio) university football team, is shown talking things over with his field general, Mel Olix, prior to the Sun Bowl game with Texas Tech at El Paso New Year's day. Seems like they had the proper plans as Miami upset Texas Tech, 13-12. Gillman is a former Ohio State grid star from Minneapolis, Minn., and is one of the most popular college mentors in the Buckeye State.

member his fine match in junior ranks. On New Year's day, he defeated Grant Golden, Chicago, a Northwestern student, in Madison Square Gardens to annex the National Junior Indoor net crown, 6-0, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2. He now joins the senior ranks and will undoubtedly be heard from aplenty in that division.

Disagrees With Frank

Continued from preceding page problem which deserves further analysis. It may be that experience will concretize an answer long before journalistic discussions.

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Jews in Sports

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By HASKELL COHEN



NEW YORK basketball fans got their first glimpse of Chicago's assistant basketball coach when Phil Braunstein took over for the stricken Stag mentor, Harold Olson. The Stags walloped the New York Knickerbockers at Madison Square Garden on a recent Saturday afternoon with Braunstein pulling the strings. As usual Max Zaslofsky, Brooklynite with the Stags, paced his mates to the triumph with 24 points.

Braunstein, a successful Chicago High School coach, has been serving the Stags the past two years as assistant coach and scout. His reports on other league teams have played no little role in the success of the western B.A.A. unit. However, his biggest success as a coach took place many years ago when Phil was a freshman at the University of Illinois. In those days the Illini didn't go out of the way to field Jewish boys on the varsity basketball team. Let us hope they have changed in their ways. As a matter of fact we have reason to believe that Illinois now would like to see a few Jewish kids on their hoop since a big part of the school's student body comes from Jewish homes. At any rate let's stick to the Braunstein saga at Champaign.

Phil, a student from Chicago, was entered in the physical education program, determined to make his way through life eventually as an instructor in sports. He was registered in a course given at the time, some twenty odd years ago, by Craig Ruby, Illinois' basketball coach. A good coach if we may say so. Early in the winter Braunstein was given a class problem to develop. He was instructed by Ruby to round up a basketball group, train them, and then put them in to scrimmage the school varsity five. The problem is a common one for physical ed majors. Phil scouted among the Jewish fraternity houses and came up with some surprisingly fine basketball material. After a conditioning period the lad from Chicago was ready to throw his gang into a scrimmage against the varsity.

In case you are jumping to conclusions and think that Braunstein's Jewish five beat the varsity you are correct. The impossible occurred. Braunstein demonstrated his coaching skill as a college freshman and in his first assignment developed a team good enough to wallop the Illinois team. Ruby was aghast and naturally didn't want the news to leak out. Before Braunstein was finished with this lesson Ruby asked him to bring the fraternity group back for another scrimmage. Well to make a long story a bit shorter that frat outfit licked the varsity four or five times in succession. Eventually the story leaked out and several papers carried the spicy morsel with a banner head screaming, "Freshman Student Coach's Team Whips Illinois Varsity." The story may sound a bit far fetched to the reader but that's the way it was told to us over a dinner table recently by Art Morse, lawyer-owner of the Chicago Stags, who should know whereof he speaks.

Last week when the Chicago five was enroute east the head coach, Harold Olson, former Ohio State mentor, was stricken on the train with a mysterious ailment and taken off at Syracuse. Since Braunstein was in the midst of the Christmas school holiday season it was comparatively easy for him to join the club and complete the eastern tour before he had to return to his high school kids.

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MARSHALL "Biggie" Goldberg may have played his last football game Dec. 28 when his Chicago Cardinal mates knocked over the Philadelphia Eagles for the National League gonfalon. His coach, Jimmy Conzleman says without equivocation, "Goldberg is the best defensive pass defender I have ever seen in football." Conzleman, it should be stated for the record, has been around big time football for many years. The Cards lost three games during the course of the regular season and Goldie was forced out of two of these contests because of an injury. You can judge that he is a mighty valuable man and will retire only after the Cards have made a mighty attempt to make him change his mind.

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Speaking of retirements there is talk that Sid Luckman will put his moleskins away for good, too. His coach George Halas, of the Chicago Bears, thinks differently, however. Halas maintains Sid has several seasons of good football left in his system and wants him around to help break in Johnny Lujack, Notre Dame's signal caller, slated to join the Windy City aggregation. Halas says there is room for three good quarterbacks on the Bears club and wants Luckman, Lujack, and Sacrinty available next year so that the Bears can regain their crown from their city rivals.

Luckman is reported busy writing a book on forward passing. If and when he goes to the sidelines there is a coaching berth waiting for him at his alma mater, Columbia, at Notre Dame, and with the Bears.

JEWISH YOUTH NOT GUILTY, PARENTS MAY GO ON TRIAL ON SAME CHARGE

Special CHICAGO—Jewish youth was declared not guilty at its "trial" here before a crowd of 600, on the charge of neglecting its Jewish duties.

Judge Samuel B. Heller, prominent Chicago jurist, presided over the trial, and other prominent members of the Chicago Jewish community, representing various organizations, acted as "witnesses". After hearing the testimony presented, the jury retired and returned with a verdict of "not guilty".

It was stated that the next such trial, if there is to be any, would appropriately place the parents on trial.

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By DR. GERSHON GELBART

How To Be Miserable

JEWs living in America are American Jews. Some of us have managed to make ourselves thoroughly miserable by asking a very foolish question: What comes first—our Americanism or our Jewishness? It is as if a person with brown hair and blue eyes were to try and decide whether he was primarily brown-haired or blue-eyed. The difficulty can be resolved so simply. We are Americans and Jews.

In the days when it was still possible to laugh at such stories, Professor Einstein is alleged to have told about a society lady who asked him to explain to her, in simple language, the theory of relativity. "Madam", he replied, "I am a German Jew. Should my theory be proven correct some day, the Germans will say that I am a German, and the French will claim that I am a Jew. Should my theory be disproved, however, the Germans will say that I am Jew, while the French will insist that I am a German."

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This Week's Sidrah

SOME years ago a book was published under the title, "Life Begins at Forty". It soon became a best-seller, for the very good reason that it held forth a hope and a promise to people approaching middle age. For Moses, according to this week's Sidrah "Va-era" (Exodus 6:2-9:35), life began at eighty. It was at that age that he made his first appearance before Pharaoh to plead for the liberation of his people. Moses had resorted to all kinds of arguments in order to be excused from his mission, yet not once did he plead old age.

Think of all the people you know who claim to be too old when called upon to serve their community in one capacity or another. There come to mind, likewise, some not so old people, who having reached the ripe old age of Bar Mitzvah, feel that they are really too old to begin studying in earnest some Jewish subject, such as the Hebrew language, for instance.

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"Alfred" Lincoln

IF Abe Lincoln were born in our day, of Jewish parents, his name might have been Abbott or Alfred instead of plain Abraham. Ben Franklin, under similar circumstances, might have blossomed forth as Bradford, Daniel Webster as Donald, and Abigail Adams as Audrey or even Babbette.

This fad, of twisting names around, so prevalent among Jewish families, is not at all in the spirit of the American tradition. Some 300 common English names for men are listed in Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. Of those, fully 120 are of Hebrew origin, having been borrowed from the Bible. Names derived from German, Latin and Greek sources account together for another 120.

Among the distinguished Jewish figures in this country many bear proud Hebrew names: Abba Hillel Silver, Judge Joseph Proskauer, Emanuel Neumann, Judge Simon H. Rifkind, Benjamin V. Cohen, Hayim Greenberg, Dr. Abraham S. W. Rosenbach, Judge Samuel Rosenman, Joshua L. Liebman, David Sarnoff, David Dubinsky, Yehudi Menuhin, Moses C. Leavitt, to name but a few.

The Yishuv in Palestine has produced a whole new crop of charming Hebrew names. But even the old familiar ones have been given a new, dashing sound. We are all familiar with Moshe (pron. maw-SHE) Shertok, David (dah-VEED) Ben-Gurion, Yosef (yaw-SEF) Baratz, Rahel (rah-HEL)—the authoress of the song, "Ve-ulai".

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The Joint Distribution Committee marked the completion of one-third of a century of its existence at its annual meeting last Sunday.

1. The JDC has spent more than \$300,000,000 during this period. Considering the fact that the Jewish community has no powers of taxation, how was the raising of such tremendous sums possible?
2. Through what means does your community make its contribution to the JDC?
3. The JDC is making a contribution in a number of ways to the welfare of the Jews in Palestine. Is this phase of its activity a recent innovation in its work?
4. Who is chairman of its European Executive Council?
5. Do you know which of your community leaders attended the annual meeting of the JDC?

The Post prints articles and letters expressing differing and sometimes conflicting views on matters of national and international Jewish policy.

1. Does this variety of opinion indicate a lack of unity among Jews?
2. In your opinion, is the editor wrong in giving space to views of which he does not approve? What other policy would you suggest?
3. Does this diversity of opinion stimulate or dull your interest in Jewish problems?

Editor's note: An autographed copy of Rabbi Milton Steinberg's "Basic Judaism" will be awarded the best essay in reply to these questions. A second autographed copy will be awarded to the rabbi whose religious school sends in the largest number of essays. Deadline is Jan. 16.

New U.S. Zionist Group to Enter Eretz Business

SPECIAL NEW YORK—Organization under the aegis of the Zionist Organization of America of the Palestine Economic Development was being effected here under the chairmanship of Mark Sugar-

man. Prominent General Zionists throughout the United States were being approached to join the committee on organization of the new group.

Robert Nathan, economist, will address an organization meeting of the new group at 10 a. m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Waldorf-Astoria here.

THE JUNIOR POST

RUTH PALLER
Editor

Pen Pals

Lillian Blumenthal, 582 Passaic Ave., Clifton, N. J., age 13, would like pen pals. She likes basketball, ping-pong, baseball, and other sports.

Phyllis Marks, 3736 Glynn Ct., Detroit 6, Mich., is eager for new pen pals.

Marcia Pally, 84 Morton Ave., Albany 2, N. Y., would like pen pals around 10 to 12 years of age. She studies piano and likes sports.

Palestinian Pen Pals

ANY MEMBERS who would like to correspond with boys and girls in Palestine, please write to Avi-Dan, Jewish National Fund, P. O. Box 283, Jerusalem, Palestine. Give the age and sex of the correspondent desired and tell about yourself.

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Would Have Jerusalem As Capitol of Eretz

Editor, National Jewish Post,
In Boris Smolars column, he discusses the capitol of The Jewish State.

There is only one city that can be the capitol. It was our ancient capitol and should be our new capitol—Jerusalem.

Even though Jerusalem is surrounded by Arab territory it should be made the capitol of the new Jewish State. In this way, the world will know that we still claim Jerusalem. Perhaps a narrow corridor will be made to connect Jerusalem with the Jewish State someday.

We must never give up Jerusalem. If we surrender, as we did with Trans-Jordan, we will lose it forever.

The capitol building—The Jewish Agency building—is already there in Jerusalem. Let's keep Jerusalem as our capitol. In this way, the world will associate Jerusalem with the Jews always.

Respectfully,
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If It Could Only Be Said About My Son

IEIBEL lived with his father and mother on a big farm in Russia a short time ago when your grandfather was a little boy. His father was a rich and successful farmer but he was not happy because he had no education. He didn't know an Aleph from a Beth, and as for Talmud, he had never even heard of it. He made up his mind that Leibel would have every chance to become a learned man.

Now the nearest cheder was in a town several miles away, and every day Liebel went there to study under the town Melamed or teacher. After a very few lessons, he had learned to sound out the Hebrew letters, and one day, when he came home, he said:

"Papa, listen to this." Opening his primer, Liebel pointed to the sounds and read: "A, Ba, Ga, Da."

"Wonderful," cried his father in pleasure at his son's learning.

"Wait, that isn't all," said Liebel, and he went on: "E, Be, Ge, De."

"Amazing!" exclaimed the father.

Liebel continued: "O, Bo, Go, Do."

The farmer called in his wife and together they listened proudly as their son read the first letters in his primer.

"He is a genius," sighed the mother joyfully.

"That's what he is—a genius!" cried the father. We must send to the great Yeshiva or college of Jewish studies for the biggest professor to come and examine our child. He belongs with the great scholars, not in a little cheder."

AT ONCE, the farmer sent word by the village letter-writer that his son was an unusual student and he wished the Yeshiva to send to his farm its most learned professors to examine the boy's knowledge. He promised to pay all the traveling expenses and two hundred rubles besides.

There was great excitement at the Yeshiva when the message reached there, for a brilliant scholar is one of the ornaments of Jewish life, and the professors were always happy to find a boy of promise. The ability of Liebel was painted in such glowing words that the Head of the Yeshiva decided that he, himself, would accompany one of the professors to the home of the farmer.

THE TWO SCHOLARS arrived on Friday, just before candle-lighting time. They were received with great honor, and since it was the Sabbath, all thought of the examination was put off until the following evening. After prayers, the guests sat down to a delicious dinner of fish, and noodle soup, stuffed roast chicken, and fragrant kugel, topped off with compote and strudel. All the next day, they enjoyed the Sabbath with their hosts. At last, when the sun had set and the Havdolah

prayers were said, the Head of the Yeshiva opened a book which he had brought and said to Liebel:

"Come now, my child, and let us hear a little reading from the Midrash." The Midrash contained many stories that Rabbis used to tell in explaining the law.

"Midrash?" said Liebel, with a puzzled look. "What is Midrash?"

The Head of the Yeshiva thought that perhaps he had started too far along the path of learning, so he closed the book and took from his bag a volume of Talmud.

"Let us read a little Talmud then," he said kindly to the boy.

"What is Talmud?" asked Liebel, scratching his head.

THE HEAD of the Yeshiva shrugged and took out another book. "Very well," he said, "Let us start with the Five Books of Moses. Begin reading the Hebrew, my boy."

There was silence as Liebel looked blankly at the first page.

"Berashis," the Rabbi prompted him.

Still Liebel made no sound.

The two Rabbis looked at each other in bewilderment, and the farmer wore a worried frown. His wife stood nearby wringing her hands.

All at once the assistant had an idea. "Let me see the book you are studying, my boy," he said.

Liebel ran and brought his primer. He opened it to the first page and read, clearly and quickly: "A, Ba, Ga, Da, E, Be, Ge, De, O, Bo, Go, Do."

A BROAD SMILE passed over the faces of the Rabbi and his assistant as they understood that the poor ignorant father didn't know that these sounds his son were reading were only the very beginning of learning.

At sight of their smiles, the father lost his worried look and going up to the two men said, "Well, what do you say about my boy?"

The Head of the Yeshiva cleared his throat once. He cleared it again. Then he said, "I only wish that people could say the same about my son as they can about yours."

With that, the two rabbis made their farewells and set put for home, leaving the proud father feeling well repaid for his expense.

On the way home, the assistant turned to the Head of the Yeshiva. "Master," he said, "What has come over you? How could you say what you did to that farmer about his uneducated son?"

"I said that I only wished people could say the same about my son as they can about his. What is wrong with that?"

"WHAT IS WRONG?" exclaimed the assistant. Why your son is one of the most brilliant scholars in Russia. His knowledge is less only than your own, and you are the wisest Jew in the country."

"To be sure," said the Master.

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NEW YORK

By M. Z. FRANK

A PROPOS this writer's crusade for Zionist Education, a few lines from the pen of a great man, written in 1926, will throw some light on the subject. My contention is that Silver and Neumann have revolutionized Zionist policy and have made organization more or less keep pace with policy, but that they left Culture and Education pretty much where they found it. And then they found it in 1944 in no better state than it was in 1926.

Some months ago, I quoted the first part of a letter written by Hayim Nahman Bialik to Ahad Ha-Am from the boat which took Bialik back to Palestine after a six month stay in this country. In the first part Bialik described the grotesque side of Jewish communal life, especially of Zionist banquets with their interminable speeches. In the second part, he deals with the problem in a more serious vein.

(As my own contribution to your neglected Zionist education, let me explain that Bialik was the greatest Hebrew poet of our age and Ahad Ha-Am the greatest Zionist thinker of our age. For details apply to the Educational Department of the ZOA or Ha-dassah).

"There is some evidence" wrote Bialik, "that American Zionism, which until now was based on dollar collections and on the raw material of organizational machinery, has developed a nostalgia for a bit of a living spirit."

THAT WAS in 1926. Add "and political agitation" after the word "machinery" and you have a picture of the present situation.

What has been done since 1926 to satisfy that nostalgia? Mighty little. There is no point in accusing the new administration for it. There is no point in singling out the old administration. It is everybody's failure, everybody's shame.

Some of Bialik's remarks on American Zionism are out of date now. 1947 is different from 1926. Thus Bialik rightly observed that American Jews are sensitive in the first place to immediate, palpable needs, but while Palestine did not enter that category in 1926, it does in 1947. Political agitation in the past years has been one of those immediate palpable needs which the American Jews could easily see, and that is why they took it so well. In 1926, as Bialik saw it, there came first temples, centers and local charities, and next overseas relief. Today overseas relief is merged into financial and political support to Zionism.

But Bialik's observations still apply when he describes the workings of American Zionism and of Jewish life here in general. He compares Zionist activities here to a machine, to a circus.

"It is necessary to employ some extraordinary tricks in order to generate a special enthusiasm for warming up the hearts, and that is repeated year in year out . . . The machine is set up, a slogan is contrived for that year, and is dropped down like a bombshell to explode, some "celebrity" is brought down from the heights, who is described in the limitless superlatives characteristic of America. Then there is the blowing of the bugles, and the sounding of the trumpets and the beating of the drums and the tympani for days in succession. Finally when the din reaches its high peak of strength, the hearts begin to get warmer, the hands dig into the pockets . . . Then the whole business is over, the circus folds up and the performers disperse and everything goes back to normal."

"But a machine," says Bialik, "no matter how well oiled with various celebrities, is bound to wear out and give in. Suddenly it will stop. . ."

WHAT BIALIK said of Palestine campaigns in 1926 is true today of membership drives and even of political agitation, though the latter has struck some deep roots in the consciousness of American Jews.

Even Bialik was charitable in apportioning the blame for the state of affairs he found here:

"The leaders are not entirely to blame. A great deal can be explained in terms of the time and the place. Zionism in America had never had that stage of thorough preparatory education that it had in Russia or even in Germany prior to the Balfour Declaration. From the very instant American Zionism assumed the burden, in other words, since the Balfour Declaration, it had to bear the sole responsibility for raising the funds . . . There was no time left for study and meditation . . . The crumbs of Jewish culture American Jews had brought with them from their native lands did not serve them as ingredients for a new Judaism but those crumbs turned stale and became food for vicious rats."

And yet, Bialik did not despair. He found signs of improvement in the spiritual outlook of American Jewry. "The era of adjustment to their new country is now over, and they have attained to an era of tranquility . . . For the time being they are using up their excess strength left to them after their struggle for existence for readying the utensils—they are building . . . communal centers, synagogues, schools, hospitals . . ."

I HATE TO QUOTE BIALIK on the improvement of Jewish education and the deepening of Zionist consciousness of which he thought he saw some signs. Twenty one years after he wrote those words, they sound too optimistic in retrospect.

The concluding paragraph on Bialik's letter to Ahad Ha-Am contain words which ought to become inscribed as a motto for Zionist and cultural work among American Jews. They were true in 1926. They are infinitely more true today. The following words are prophetic:

"Great miracles happened to this marvelous community. For forty years they were borne on eagle's pinions from all the ends of the earth, some four million of them, a great and mighty host, to be thrown onto a new and strange land, and now they are planted before our eyes in their place, and have even struck roots . . . Moreover, they have been privileged to live in freedom and tranquility as no Jewish community has

Mexican Jew Gives \$200,000 to J.N.F.

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
MEXICO CITY—Oscar Kohn, Jewish industrialist who arrived here from Poland five years ago, donated 1,000,000 pesos, approximately \$200,000, to the Jewish National Fund as an expression of his readiness to help in the establishment of the Jewish state. It was announced here.

Jewish Girls Finish 1, 2 in College Fencing

Special
PATTERSON, N. J.—Estelle Osher of Brooklyn College is Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association champion again.

The left-handed foilswoman swept all matches to enter the finals and then won seven of eight bouts to take the crown again.

Miss Osher's lone defeat of the day came against Eva Cohen, also of Brooklyn College, who placed second with six victories and two losses in the finals after sweeping all her strip bouts.

Seventeen girls, representing seven eastern colleges and universities competed.

U. S. Textile Man Plans Huge Eretz Rayon Plant

Special
NEW YORK—The building of a five-million dollar combined viscose filament rayon and staple fiber plant in Palestine is projected by the Palestine Rayon Corporation, which was organized here with the blessing of the Z.O.A.

Leo D. Rosenstein, president of the corporation, left for Palestine this week to purchase land and obtain options on building contracts.

There are at present no rayon plants in Palestine, and the projected mill would be the first of its kind. Its productive capacity, approximately 2,500,000 pounds of filament yarn and staple fiber per year, would equal the amount of rayon currently consumed in Palestine, which at present must be imported.

More Job Discrimination Predicted By Wixman

Special
LOS ANGELES—Because of the tightening labor market, there will be additional job discrimination, according to Samuel Wixman, director of the Los Angeles Jewish Personnel Relations Bureau.

Since August, 1946, the bureau has acted on 160 valid complaints, and has held some 300 conferences with personnel managers, department heads, and proprietors of stores, factories, shops and offices. Nearly 70 per cent of the cases were settled satisfactorily, less than three per cent were failures, and the remainder are pending.

been for many years, and they are today almost the only support for the ruined house of Israel. This community is worthy of our attention, we ought to help it rise from its low spiritual state and infuse some life into it. I have faith in its ability to rise . . . I believe the Jews of America have it in them to build up Palestine. Would that men were found to lead them and to devote themselves to them honestly and sincerely and teach them the right way. . ."

BIALIK WAS RIGHT in seeing the great possibilities inherent in American Jewry. It has risen to the occasion in many respects. One need not and must not underestimate the moral courage and the dignity with which the Jews of America have responded to the call of Zion in the past few years. Even Palestinian leaders who were wont to pooh-pooh American Jews and who saw in it only the grotesque part described by Bialik but not the fine realization of the possibilities he saw, are beginning to have a healthy respect for us. But there is still a woeful lack of leadership in mapping out a comprehensive plan for cultural revival.

I suggest to Dr. Gordis that he turn to page 111 in the Collected Letters of Bialik, Volume III (Dvir Publications, Tel-Aviv, 1938) for inspiration and guidance on his job as Educational Chairman of the ZOA.

BRITISH BLAMED FOR SMEAR AS REFUGEES CALLED 'COMMUNIST'

World Wide News Service
NEW YORK—British propagandists "are seeking to smear the movement of Jews from Rumania to Palestine as a sinister plot to penetrate Palestine and the Middle East by agents of foreign powers and ideologies," it was charged here by a spokesman for the Jewish Agency following the appearance of press reports that the Pan York and the Pan Crescent, the two ships which were destined for Palestine with Jewish immigrants but which were subsequently diverted to Cyprus, contained "fifth-columnists."

Implement Partition Speedily Asks Gromyko

World Wide News Service
NEW YORK—Demanding the "speediest and most effective" implementation of the Palestine partition decision, Andrei Gromyko, permanent Soviet delegate to the United Nations, warned the "irresponsible elements attempting to hamper the realization of the partition plan" that "such action cannot prevent the final fulfillment of this decision."

He made the assertion at a "United State-USSR-Palestine Friendship Dinner," sponsored by the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists. Dr. Emanuel Nuemann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, told the gathering that the orientation of the new Jewish state will be neither to the East nor West but toward the United Nations.

JNF and Tel Aviv Buy Nazi Colony in Eretz

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
TEL AVIV—Joint acquisition by the Jewish National Fund and the Tel Aviv municipality of some 4,600 dunams (1,500 acres) of land in the Sarona colony which was founded by Germans in 1870 and which served as a Nazi stronghold in Palestine prior to the outbreak of the war, has been announced. During the war Sarona became the site of a detention camp for German nationals residing in Palestine.

The purchase will increase Tel Aviv's municipal area by nearly one-third. The Sarona settlers, all Germans, have now returned to Germany or are preparing to emigrate to Australia.

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106—I am a single girl, 23 years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. tall, dark brown hair, blue eyes, and weigh about 130 pounds. My hobbies are corresponding with other boys and girls, dancing, taking part in different events being planned by organizations and as for my main work, meaning for a living, I am a bookkeeper for ten stores with a wholesale dry goods company. If you can be of any help to me in meeting people through the mail, I would appreciate it.

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"Leibel, who can read only A, Ba, Ga, Da, knows more than his father, doesn't he?"

"Yes, of course, he does. The father thought that those simple sounds were all of Hebrew Learning."

"Very well then," said the Head of the Yeshiva with a chuckle. "You call me the wisest Jew in Russia. If people could say that my son knew more than I know, what a proud and happy father I should be."

Rabbi Englander's Installation

IRVINGTON, N. J.—Installation ceremonies for Rabbi Benjamin H. Englander as spiritual leader of Temple B'nai Israel will take place here Sunday.

